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STARK BRO'S NURSERIES & ORCHARDS CO

General Offices, Nurseries, Packing Houses, etc., LOUISIANA, Mo.
Branches: Dansville, N. Y.; Grape Nursery, Portland, N. Y.;
Huntsville, Ala., where immense blocks of trees are grown
especially for our SOUTHERN and PACIFIC COAST trade.

STARK BURLINGTON ROUTE Nurseries, on the famous Estes Estate
of 3000 acres at Annada, Pike Co., Mo.—IDEAL NURSERY
SOIL—80 miles NORTH of St. Louis on Burlington R. R.: 11 pas-
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STARK TREES Best by **TEST** Have a **77-yr. Record**

Are grown to **LAST** and **BEAR**, the **BEST FRUIT KNOWN**

One Unwavering Aim we have—to supply trees of **high quality** and **best sorts at low cost**. We **do not** try to compete with our friends who consider **price only**. Trees sold for almost nothing are generally **worth** just that much. We **grow** trees of the better class, in large lots, enabling us thereby to make extremely low prices. Wherever you live we can supply you safely, freight prepaid, trees as **good as can be grown**.

To the Reader:

Of the Thousands of Our Friends to whom the following pages will (we hope) be interesting, few will have a fair conception of the vast amount of detail work, of painstaking care, expended in the preparation—not only of the colored plates, but also of the half-tones, printed matter, etc. The fruits from which the plates were made are the product of many different states, we selecting the **most representative specimens** of each sort from which to make the sketches. In every case **shape, size and coloring** have been adhered to as nearly as it is possible for the present day lithographing process to duplicate the colorings of nature; so the fruits here represented, while not absolutely correct in **every** particular, are, we think, as nearly truthful representations as can be made. We have brought the knowledge and experience of **Three Generations of Stark Nurserymen**, gathered during 77 years in the nursery business, to aid us in this work; and while mistakes and errors have unavoidably crept in, we pride ourselves that it is the best book we have issued; we feel sure that it will **compare favorably**, if not surpass, any book of the class ever issued by any nursery firm. Do you think so? Whether you do or not, your opinion will be of **value** to us, and aid in correcting in our next issue the faults of this. Truly,

STARK BRO'S NURSERIES & ORCHARDS CO



STARK FRUIT BOOK

CHICAGO TRADE MARK

CHICAGO "THE KING OF FRUITS"

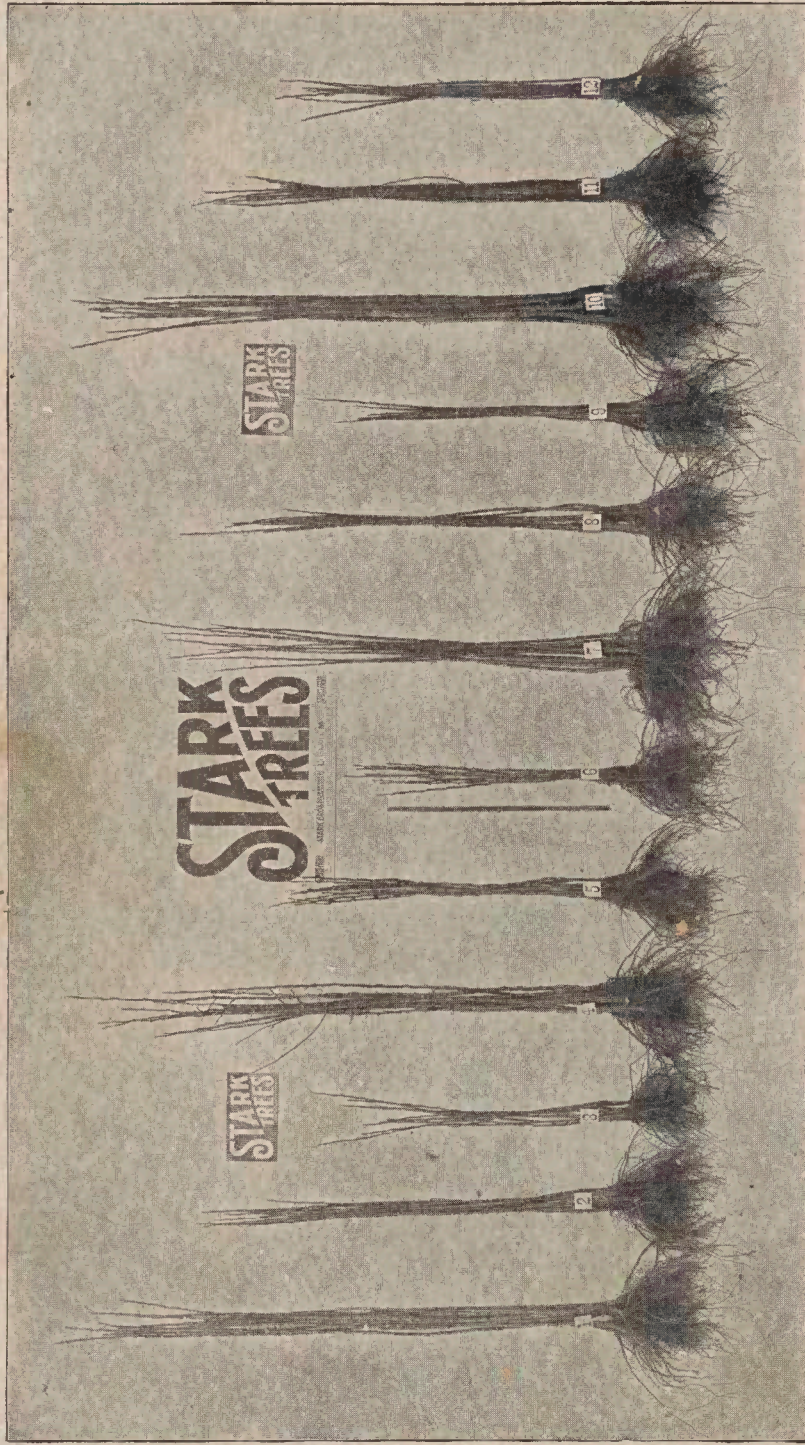
CHICAGO THE WORLD'S GREATEST

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FANCY MARKET
KINGS:
JONATHAN
UNTIL XMAS-
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APPLE, ONE YEAR GRAFTED whole root (2-yr. roots.)

Grown in **Stark Bro's Burlington Route Nurseries**, Annada, Pike Co., Mo. Nos. 1, 2 & 3, Chicago; 4, 5, & 6, Black Ben Davis (2-ft. rule at 6); 7, 8 & 9, Ingram; 10, 11 & 12, Senator. Photo shows the three sizes of each sort--2½ to 4 ft., 2 ft. and 1½ ft.



Early Ripe

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Yellow
Transparent

Williams
Favorite



NORTH of St. Louis, and only **64 miles south** of Keokuk, IOWA—and not “near New Orleans”—is LOUISIANA, MO.—named soon after, and in honor of, Pres’t Jefferson’s great “LOUISIANA PURCHASE.”



STARK TREES

Fanny

BENONI

Duchess

Charlamo

STARK-BUTTS-CORP-N.Y.



1-Year BUDDED whole root (3-yr. roots): Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

1-Ingram. 2, 3-Wealthy. 4-Winesap ("never roots well," 'tis said; and it does not, if grafted on piece rts.) 5-Senator (and 2-ft. rule.) 6-Ap. Commerce—all 3-5 ft. 7-Black B. Davis, 2½-3 ft. 8 " " 2 to 2½ ft.

1-Year GRAFTED whole root (2-yr. roots): 9, 10, 11.

9-Ben Davis, 3 to 4 ft. 10-Ben Davis, 2½ to 3 ft. 11-Ben Davis, 2 to 2½ ft.

Piece-Root, 1-yr.: 12-Ben Davis, 2 to 3 ft. 13-Ben Davis, 1 to 2 ft.



PROFITS of an APPLE ORCHARD. (Judge JOHN Y. STONE, before Mills Co., Iowa, Hort. Society. Condensed.)

[Judge Stone is an experienced and most successful orchardist,—has 115,000 trees in one solid orchard.—Stark Bro's]

A BUSINESS SUGGESTION to the man who can plant 20 acres in apple trees: Having broken the land as for corn, he should plant heavy-bearing, winter varieties. Plant the long-lived varieties 33 (or 34) ft. by 26 ft. apart. Then double this by planting the short-lived, early-bearing, heavy-producing varieties midway; trees will then stand 16½ (or 17) by 26 ft. Then plant of the last mentioned varieties one tree in the center of each square. This tree will stand 15 (or 15½) feet from each of the four around it; about 200 trees per acre. Preserve the position of the long-lived trees for the orchard of after years, when ¾ of the trees will have been cut down.

Now let us consider results, making estimate strong but reasonable and then cut it down half. Ever since dealers commenced to pack apples in Mills Co., Ia., there has been no difficulty in selling winter apples for 40¢ per bushel on tree. During 1st period with 4,000 trees we ought to have the following average result:

6th yr., 1 bu. each—4,000 at 40¢, \$1,600	10th yr., 5 bu. each—20,000 at 40¢, \$8,000	14th yr., 9 bu. each—36,000 at 40¢, \$14,400
7th " 2 " 8,000 " 3,200	11th " 6 " 24,000 " 9,600	15th " 10 " 40,000 " 16,000
8th " 3 " 12,000 " 4,800	12th " 7 " 28,000 " 11,200	
9th " 4 " 16,000 " 6,400	13th " 8 " 32,000 " 12,800	
		220,000 \$88,000

Two thousand trees must now be removed and capacity of orchard reduced one-half with following results:

16th year, 12 bushels each—24,000 at 40¢ on tree, \$ 9,600	20th year, 16 bushels each— 32,000 at 40¢ on tree, \$12,800
17th " 13 " 26,000 " " 10,400	Second period...140,000 56,000
18th " 14 " 28,000 " " 11,200	First period220,000 88,000
19th " 15 " 30,000 " " 12,000	Total.....360,000 \$144,000

It is now time that half the remaining trees—all the short-lived varieties—should come out. The orchardist must now get along with 50 trees per acre—the number which nine-tenths of my horticultural friends tell me they started with. Up to this time the trees that have been removed will have yielded **235,000 bushels** and **NETTED IN CASH \$94,000 or \$4,700 PER YEAR** profit. He will have then taken and saved from the rejected trees about \$94,000 and invested it in bonds. My wide-planting friends say these 50 trees to the acre will not be as fine in form or quite as fine in vigor as if no other trees had been planted among them. I am inclined to believe this claim. But what figure will it cut when standing against the unassailable logic of **\$94,000.00**.

Object of a Commercial Orchard is not the symmetrical growth of individual trees—but **PROFIT**.

Third and last period: The remaining 50 trees per acre ought to live ten years longer and average 25 bushels per tree per year, 250,000 bu. at 40¢, \$100,000, or about as much during the last 10 years as the rejected trees earned during the preceding 15 years. **Grand Total in 30 years, 610,000 bu. at 40¢, \$244,000.**

While these results are fairly attainable if a high state of the art is practised, they can never be reached by a man who never cultivates trees in their early life, or never wages war on insect enemies, or who pastures his orchard at all times with heavy stock, or permits the ground to become compactly sodded or takes annual crops of hay therefrom. His orchard must receive constant care in order to meet just expectations.

If figures are STARTLING it is because they are large and not because the processes by which they are reached are unreasonable or improbable. It is with processes as well as results that we are dealing. For productive varieties the foregoing estimate of product is not extravagant nor even large. But let us cut it down one-half: In 30 years, 305,000 bu., sold at 40¢, \$122,000; income for 30 years—OVER \$4,000 PER YEAR.

The most cautious and conservative man will admit the reduction of estimate to be more than enough. But then let us CUT ESTIMATE IN TWO AGAIN. Then we have: **Income for 30 years—OVER \$2,000 PER YEAR.**

The most melancholy horticultural pessimist would not ask to have the estimate cut below this. Let me ask **WHAT OTHER BUSINESS ON EARTH** holds out as much promise in profit and at the same time as much opportunity for a high order of mental entertainment and physical effort? The orchardist must live a life of intelligence, vigilance, energy, but he will find it ever interesting and agreeable.



Jefferis—
(Illinois Imperial
or Everbearing.)

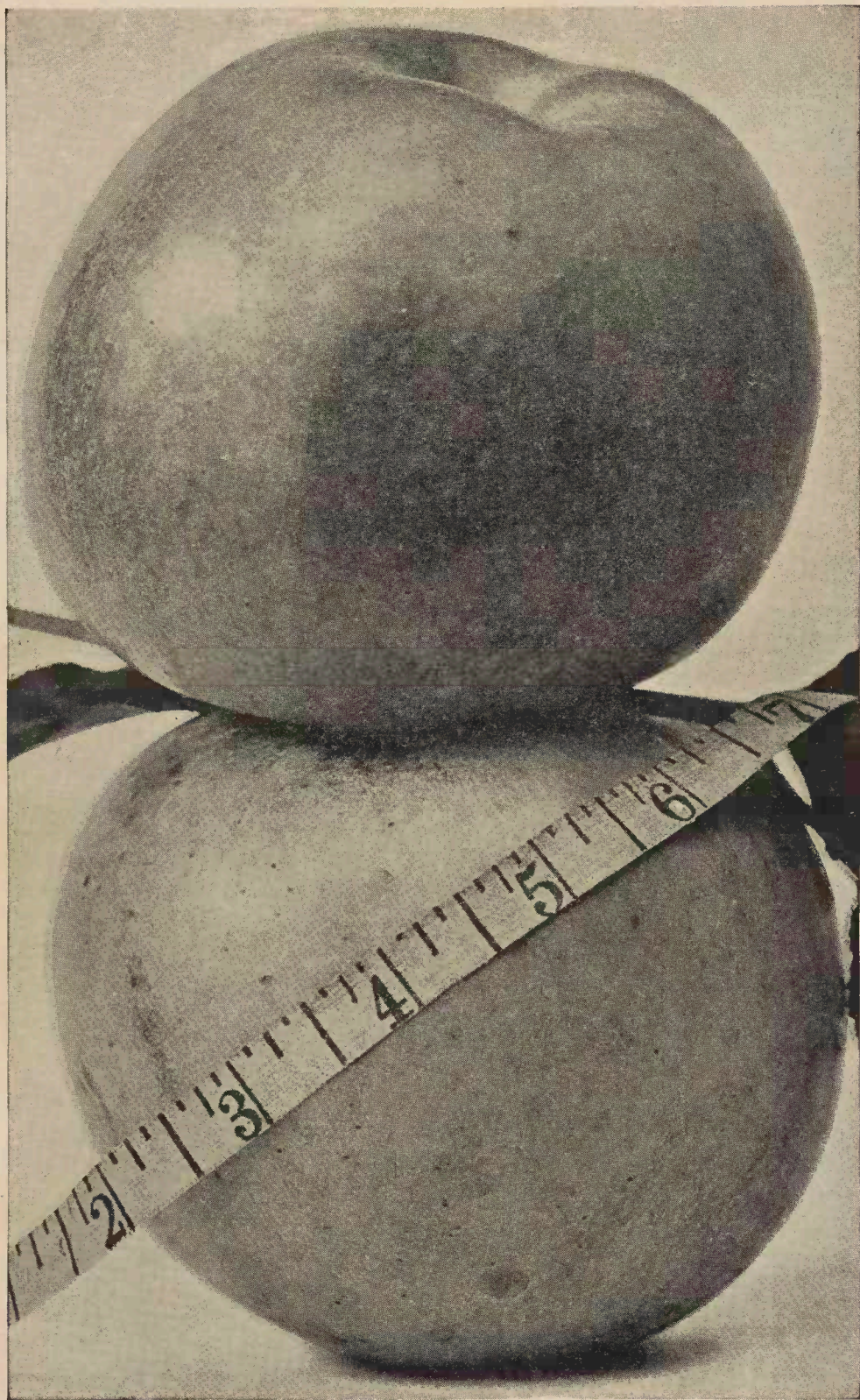
Early Melon



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Wealthy





WOLF RIVER

STARK TREES



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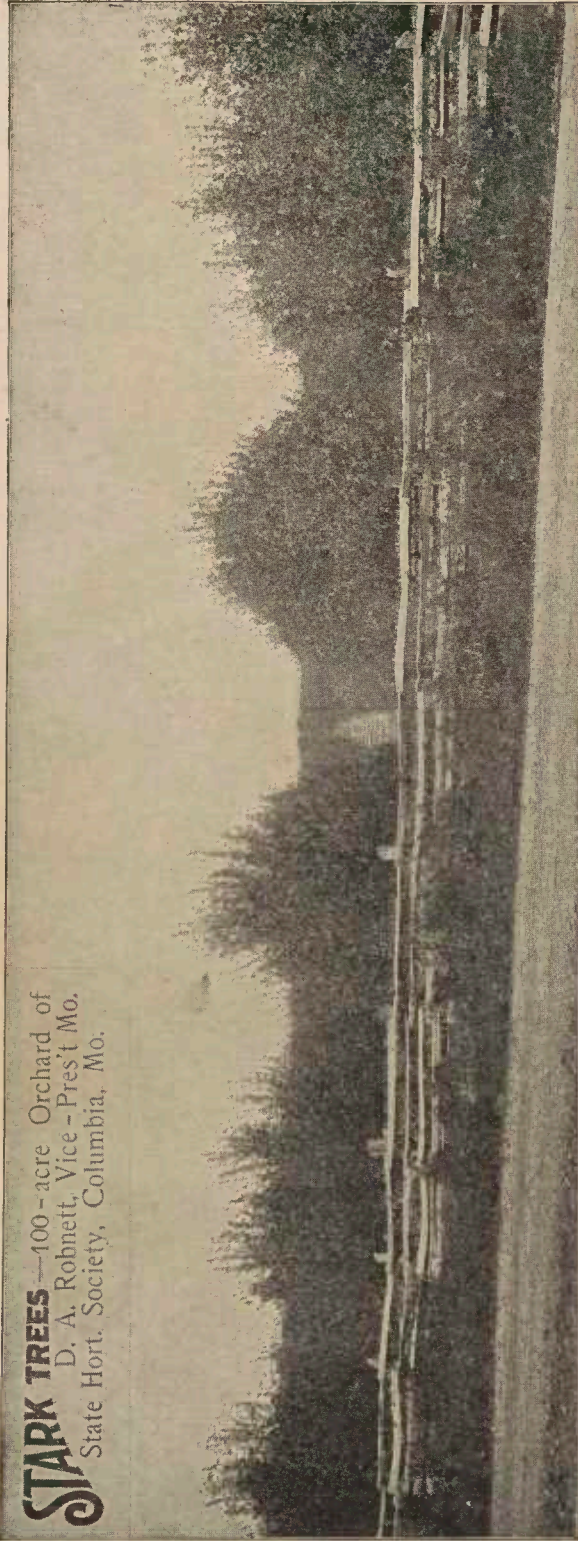
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WOLF RIVER, the GIANT SHOW APPLE



STARK TREES—100-acre Orchard of D. A. Robnett, Vice -Pres't Mo. State Hort. Society, Columbia, Mo.



The Above Orchard of STARK TREES was chosen by Prof. J. C. Whitten, Mo. Experiment Station, Columbia, Mo., as an example of **what an orchard should be**. The photo was taken by Prof. Whitten for use in his valuable Bulletin, "The Apple Orchard"—write Prof. W. for a copy.

Prof. Whitten writes us Sept. 22, 1900: Mr. Robnett's apples are **very fine**. His Ben Davis trees are full of fruit of good quality, and his Jonathans are the finest in quality I have ever seen over an entire orchard.

Trees set in fine shape. Stock **very satisfactory**. I ask for **no better**. Am sure I've made some mistakes in the past, **by not looking to you** for what I was wanting. My orchard of 100 acres of Stark Trees, set 1889, now in full bloom.—D. A. Robnett, Columbia, Mo., Apr., 1899.

LATER, June, 1900: Will have a fine crop of Ben Davis; some 6000 bbls.; some Jonathan and Willow Twig.... Will give you hearty welcome and show you over orchard any day. **LATER**, Oct. 16, 1900: Was out yesterday to see orchard of Mr. Shearer, of this Co.; orchard 8 years set, trees grown by you; sold on installment plan. Have seen many orchards, but **never saw trees with such fine fruit**—all York Imp'l. No use trying to tell you—**just go see!** It will pay you to see what can be raised on **thin Mo. land**. The party whom I took out to see it, bought the fruit at \$2.25 per bbl. **in the orchard**. I bought one bbl. at \$3. . . Prof. J. C. Whitten has gone out to get photos in above orchard.—D. A. Robnett.

There are cheaper (?) trees offered sometimes. They're cheaper because they ought to be. Stark Trees are so much better than many others, that you cannot realize their superiority without actual trial, test and comparison.

Which is Cheaper?—Have sometimes thought the "old reliable" Stark Bro's a little high on prices, until a little experience this Spring, proves me wrong. I ordered a lot of cherry trees of them, also of another nursery, the two lots reaching me three days apart. I set the trees in two parallel rows, and while **every Stark tree lived**, not a single one of the others did. Now which is cheaper?—J. L. Marshall, Lafayette Co., Mo., in Colman's Rural World.

Cheap (?) Trees Expensive: Bought a large lot of Elberta (?) from a Tennessee nursery. After giving the trees excellent care, we expected a great crop this year—but **not a single tree was Elberta**. All are **worthless**. Will have to grub out the entire lot. Neighbors have a similar experience.—Roy Huncan, Franklin Co., Ark., July, 1890.



SENATOR
TRADE MARK

SIX QUALITY KINGS:

Chicago,
Delicious,
Senator,
Stayman
Winesap,
Jonathan,
Grimes Golden

STARK BROS.

Louisiana, Mo.
Huntsville, Ala.
Dansville, N. Y., etc.

JONATHAN

DELICIOUS
TRADE MARK

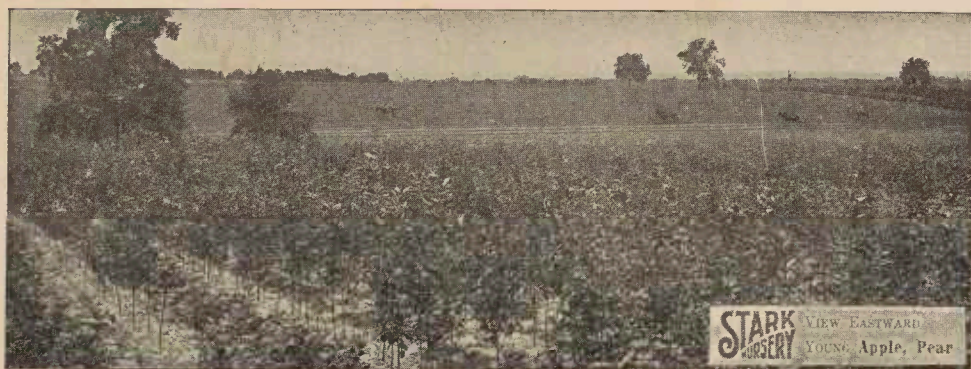
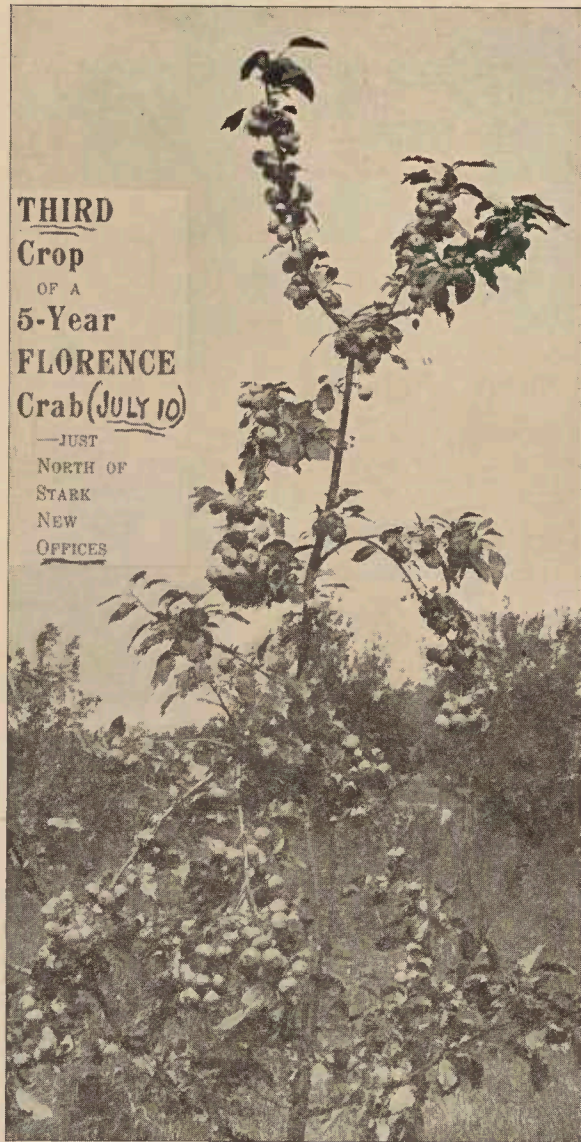
GRIMES GOLDEN

STAYMAN WINESAP

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THIRD
Crop
OF A
5-Year
FLORENCE
Crab (JULY 10)

—JUST
NORTH OF
STARK
NEW
OFFICES



STARK
NURSERY

VIEW EASTWARD
YOUNG Apple, Pear

**STARK
TREES**

**STARK
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**TWO
QUALITY
KINGS**

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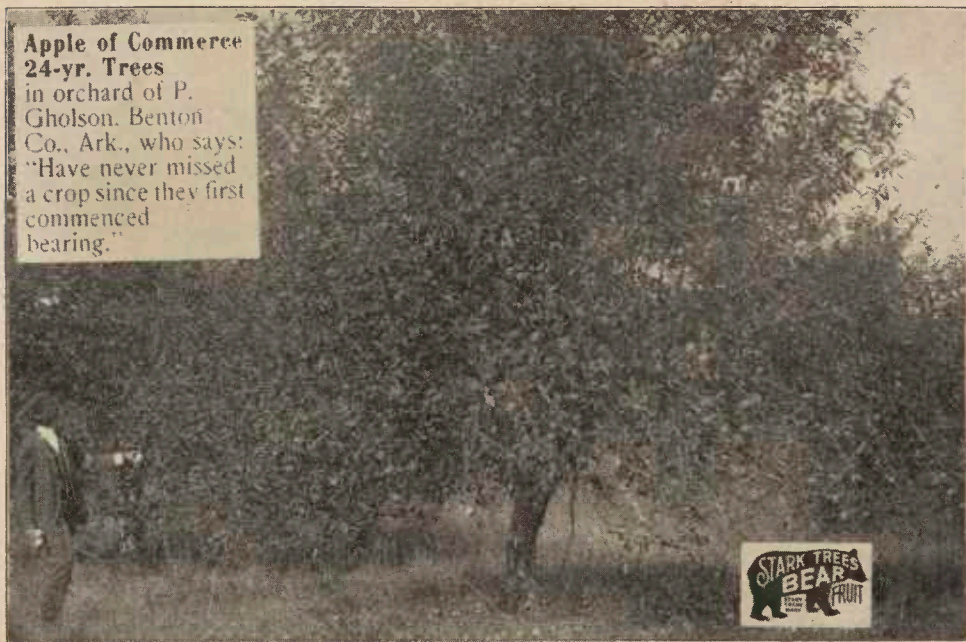
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FLORENCE CRAB
"WORTH ALL
OTHERS"



Apple of Commerce
24-yr. Trees
in orchard of P.
Gholson, Benton
Co., Ark., who says:
"Have never missed
a crop since they first
commenced
bearing."



INGRAM. A "barrel filler". 7-yr.
tree in orchard of O. Evans.



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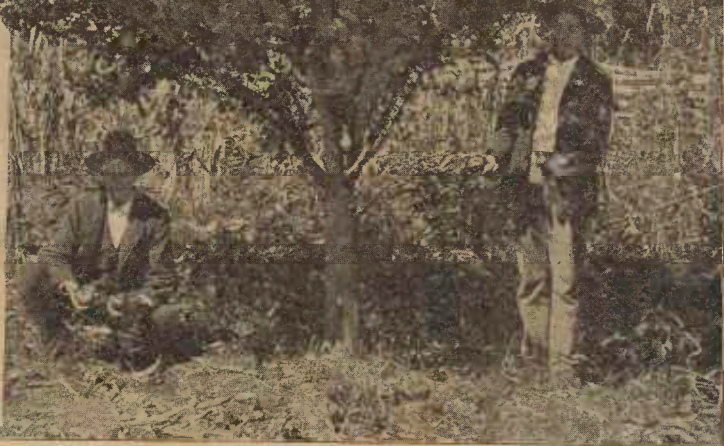
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Rock Litho. Co.
CHICAGO, ILL.



A typical
Ingram
in growth and
shape.
Unexcelled
as a "filler"—
vastly superior
to Mo. Pippin.
Sturdy, upright
grower, **young**
bearer, late
bloomer—bears
when Ben
Davis fails.





**STARK
TREES**




INGRAM.—An improved Janet.

Latest bloomer; young, sure, annual bearer, high color, good quality, long keeper, high seller. Best paying "filler." Hardier north than Janet, and far better south.

"MINKLER is fair, but spreads so that 35 trees per acre is the limit; can grow 70 Champion or Ingram per acre, fruit is better and as much per tree. Would plant, largely, Champion, Gano, York, with Ingram as "filler;" 7-year Ingram have given 5 successive crops—in '98 bore 45 times more than Winesap, same age, in same orchard... My Ingram scions all engaged for 8 years by neighbors."—G. W. Endicott, Ill. Hort. Soc., 1900.

"Will set 1200 trees, all Ingram; we know it—13 crops in 13 years and full every year. Can buy here, but fear trees not true; want no substitutes."—G. W. Trent, Barry Co., Mo.

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Apple of Commerce

Two Rows of 24-yr. trees and NOT A BREAK. Other sorts
of same age in adjoining rows 50 to 75 per cent dead.

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CHAMPION
TRADE MARK

BLACK BEN DAVIS
TRADE MARK

APPLE OF COMMERCE
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THREE
MARKET
KINGS



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STARK TREES **BLACK** STARK BROS.

BEN DAVIS

TRADE MARK

Crop of 1900

"A VALUABLE
apple, much better
than Ben Davis or Ga-
no; cannot understand
how anyone who pre-
tends to be a judge can
think them alike."—Pres. C. A.
Riehl, Ill. Exp. Station, Alton, Ill.
"I still give B. B. Davis first
place after fruiting 2-yrs. It is
simply grand, the most beauti-
ful apple grown."—Frank Lemmons, Cal.

"BLACK BEN DAVIS FAR BETTER THAN BEN DAVIS OR GANO"

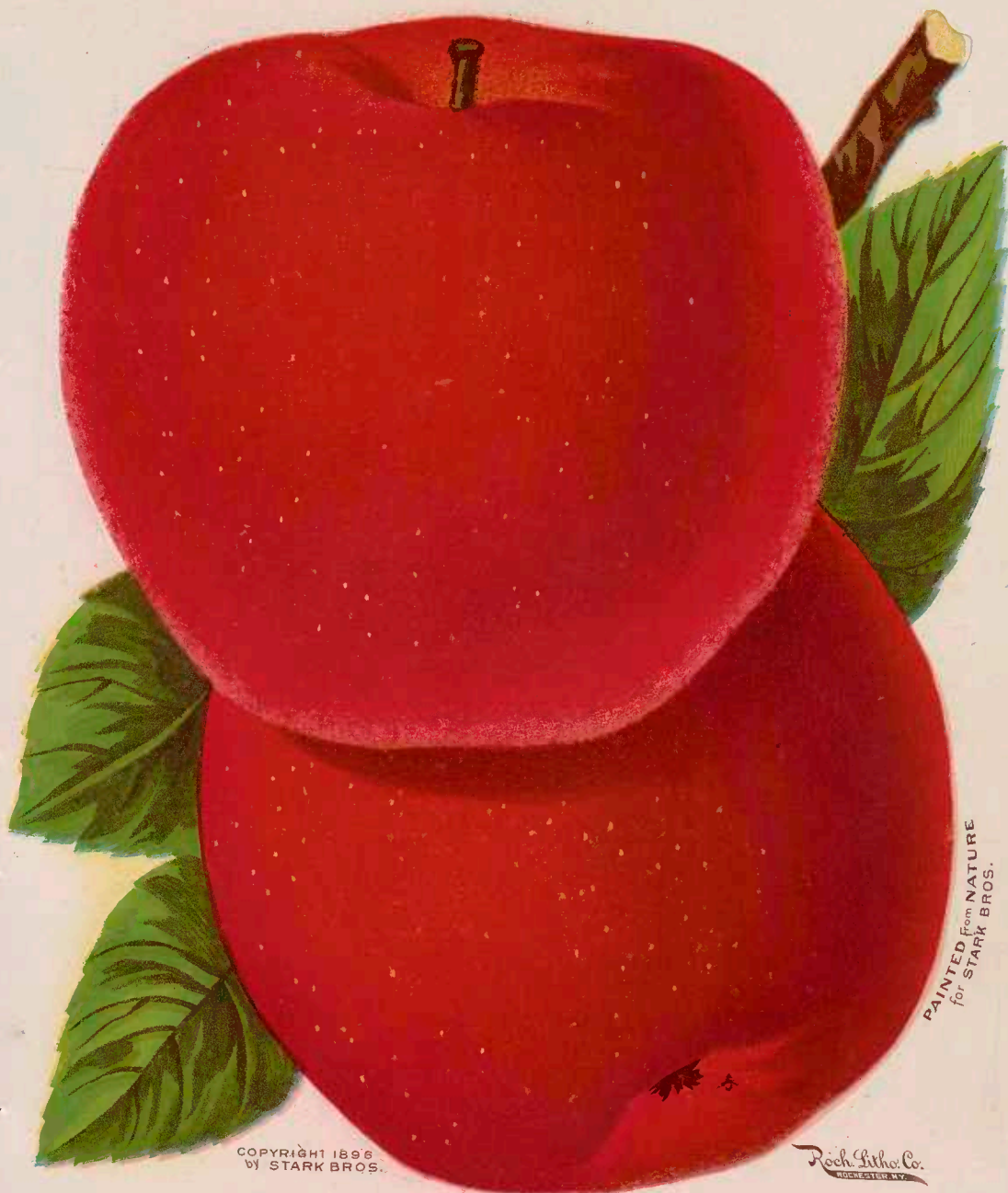
My trees of **BLACK BEN DAVIS** are doing well and bore this season; the apple is **far better than old Ben Davis or Gano**, and **ENTIRELY DISTINCT FROM EITHER**, being darker color, better flavor, more solid and juicier. **COFFELT** a good apple in every respect; **SPRINGDALE** not quite so good, but better keeper and better flavor than Ben Davis, but more tender in tree. **MAMMOTH BLACK TWIG** I consider a very good apple in every respect, tho not a long keeper. **STAYMAN WINESAP** is **best in fruit**, and a splendid eating apple—**rarely equaled**; trees more upright than old Winesap. Expect my 2 trees of **DELICIOUS** to bear next season.

Your new fruits are proving of **exceptional value**, and I thank you for the benefits I received from **your enterprise** in introducing them.—THEODORE SMITH, Whitman Co., Wash., Jan. 13, 1901.

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ROCK-STEVE, N.Y.

BLACK BEN DAVIS Market King

**"A GRAND APPLE; you deserve the Gratitude of the World
for its introduction.—FRANK FEMMONS."**

VAN DEMAN, One of the \$9,000.00 New STARK Fruits

Controlled by us under PATENTED Trade-Marks—these fruits

CANNOT BE GROWN OR SOLD BY OTHERS.

This photo shows a "medium or a little LESS than medium sized **VAN DEMAN** quince and an AVERAGE **Meech Prolific**, BOTH GROWN UNDER EXACTLY SAME CONDITIONS." --L. Burbank.

VAN DEMAN, the GIANT Quince.

Strong Grower, **Earliest** and **Hardest** of all.

"Will, without doubt, PRODUCE MORE BIG, FINE-FLAVORED GOLDEN FRUIT than any other. Bears THREE CROPS; the first ripens TWO WEEKS OR MORE before Orange or Meech, often weighing, even when grown on small trees, **25 to 26 ounces**—over FIVE INCHES IN DIAMETER. All are of MOST SUPERIOR FLAVOR, TEXTURE AND QUALITY, are tender and good BAKED, and bake quickly too. When DRIED OR CANNED, retain all the quince flavor so much admired. Opens a new field.

"Growing, side by side, Orange, Rea Mammoth, Meech, Champion and others, but not one of them has ever borne any fruit at all comparable with **Van Deman** in SIZE, QUALITY, FLAVOR OR BEAUTY."

Meech Prolific

Meech is an early and abundant bearer and the fruit of very large size, beautiful appearance and delicious flavor.

After some years' test alongside of Rea Mammoth, Orange, Champion, etc., we find it SUPERIOR to them all. Second only to VAN

DEMAN—but VAN DEMAN is simply UNEQUALLED UNAPPROACHED

VAN DEMAN and MEECH

QUINCES

both grown by

LUTHER BURBANK

VAN DEMAN
reg. trade mark



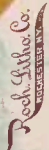
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From photos showing a "medium or a little LESS than medium sized **VAN DEMAN** quince and an **AVERAGE Meech Prolific**, BOTH GROWN UNDER EXACTLY SAME CONDITIONS." Also part of "a 2-yr. tree in nursery row, bending under 12 mammoth fruits. Trees loaded to the ground and a wonderful sight."



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Meech

Van Deman

BLACK BEN DAVIS,
SENATOR,
APPLE OF COMMERCE,
3-Year top-grafts

—JUST WEST OF
STARK NEW OFFICES
(Photo July 17;
apples 2 grown)

STARK
BROS.



“Gratitude of the World” for Black Ben Davis.

THE APPLE FOR THE MILLIONS.—Extracts from Some Recent Letters to Stark Bro's, Louisiana, Mo.

I've gained more valuable hints from your literature than from almost any other source. It is better adapted to our MOUNTAIN climate than most of our Calif. publications. . . . Have just been gathering apples. My aim has been to find some NEW and BETTER market apples. It has been an experiment, but I wish you could see them! . . . Nero is good but won't keep. Lawver poor—as you have always said. Akin beautiful and I like it. M. B. Twig has not fulfilled expectations. YORK IMPERIAL a grand apple, and I like the way it sets its fruit. JEFFERIS is fine; an apple that all like and ask for more—rich and satisfying. Barry is surely no honor to the name. BLACK BEN DAVIS I'm proud of; it is simply grand.—Frank Femmons, Home Orchard, Madera Co., California, Oct. 30., 1899.

Later, March 16, 1900: Have put off replying to your highly valued letter, so as to note keeping qualities of new apples. Season was unfavorable—August cool, September warm, then the mildest of winters, making the test a severe one. . . . APPLE OF COMMERCE hung till Dec. 1, through a couple of snow storms, and developed greatly; keeping hard and sound yet; none rotted. DELICIOUS 2-yr. grafts bore a few specimens; only tasted one myself. It certainly has high quality. GRIMES GOLDEN here is good a short while, but loses quality too soon. Springdale looks well, keeps well if left on the tree till late; but I've no use for it. . . . Must say a word for COFFELT; a good apple; not among the extras, but sells well, gives good satisfaction; good grower, bears heavily every year, good color, not too large—just the size to pack right. . . . GANO is a Ben Davis in tree; redder, but smaller; gets mealy by mid-winter. BLACK BEN DAVIS still holds its own; sound yet. Sent specimens to many parts of the state. Everyone praises it highly. It is a grand apple and you deserve the gratitude of the world for its introduction. . . . I shall always feel grateful to you for the many ways you have helped me in my effort, and particularly for kindness and friendly feeling so often expressed.—Frank Femmons.

Later, Nov. 1, 1900: Apple crop thru this mountain fruit belt is better than for some years past. I think more highly of nearly all the new sorts than last year, when I first fruited some of them. BLACK BEN DAVIS was my first choice last year, and I still give it first place—the most beautiful apple grown. APPLE OF COMMERCE developed a good flavor late in the spring and proved a remarkably fine keeper. CHAMPION is my second choice—even size, good shape, bright color, good flavor, keeps well and hangs well on the tree. DELICIOUS—well, that name tells the whole story. Prizetaker has done well and looks fine—covered with the heaviest bloom. Attracts much attention.—Frank Femmons.

BLACK BEN DAVIS apples came to hand all right, and was very glad to receive them, as I could not believe the Gano and Black Ben Davis were identical, judging from what I had seen of the fruit. I am very glad to know Black Ben Davis is such a good keeper; they were all sound when they reached me and kept so until they were all eaten,—whereas the Gano were nearly all more or less decayed. I can-



SUNRISE

SUPERB

SUPERB



DYEHOUSE

STECHER LITH CO. ROCHESTER, N.Y.

not see how anyone can make the mistake of considering Black Ben Davis and Gano alike. Flesh of Black Ben Davis is yellowish and has a sweetish taste, reminding one of Gilpin, while Gano has white flesh and flavor like Ben Davis.—E. A. Riehl, Supt. Ill. Exp. Station, Alton, Ill., May 6, 1900.

Later.—Yours of the 12th received and noted. As I am not in the nursery business, I can discuss the B. B. Davis matter **without prejudice**. I only want the truth. Whether Black Ben Davis has any Gilpin blood or not can never be proven. I only form the opinion that such may be the case, from the flavor, texture and shape of the fruit. Gilpin is an old variety, and it is quite possible that it pollinated the seed that produced B. B. Davis—which is **surely a valuable apple** and so much **better** than Ben Davis or Gano that I cannot understand how anyone **who pretends** to be a judge can think them alike.—E. A. Riehl.

BLACK BEN DAVIS bore two fine apples this season, on top grafts set spring 1899. They were as large as Ben Davis, but of almost **solid red color**, instead of stripes or splashes. The tree grafted to Champion bore one sample. So much for the first crop, but it proves conclusively that these two kinds are **young bearers**—grafts set 18 months ago.—Frank O. Harrington, Iowa Co., Iowa, Oct. 18, 1900.

BLACK BEN DAVIS are showing beautiful color; so much more than any others—especially Ben Davis, by which they are surrounded. I have noted them since 1895; they have **never failed** to have a good crop. W. M. Norwood, the nurseryman, who lives near the old trees, says they are **different from Gano**; **deeper red and richer color** and of **better quality**; says he has **never known** them to fail a crop. Another **great point**: I have noticed that Black Ben Davis is **not nearly so badly affected** by bitter rot as other sorts in same orchard.—Prof. W. G. Vincenheller, Ark. Exp. Sta., Aug. 1, 1900.

BLACK BEN DAVIS Bears 4 Years from Graft.—The 1-yr. grafted Black Ben Davis trees which you furnished Mr. C. B. Kountze Spring 1897, have done **remarkably well**, and have **fully caught up** with the 2-yr trees planted the same time. Furthermore, you would hardly believe it, but these Black Ben Davis **bore a few apples** this last summer, which colored up perfectly—the **handsomest** apples I ever saw. Black Ben Davis is certainly a **very early bearer** and the fruit **cannot be excelled**.—Wesley Page, Supt. Kountze Bros.' Orchards, Arapahoe Co., Colo., Nov. 1, 1900. [BLACK BEN DAVIS has shown its **young bearing** habit in so **many localities** that it is impossible for local conditions to have been the cause in each case; without doubt, it is one of the **youngest bearing sorts** grown.—STARK BRO'S.]

CHICAGO and DELICIOUS are the **Coming Fancy Market Apples**—possessing all good market points, and, most valuable of all, **quality the very finest known**.

There is no better judge of apple values than Hon. Parker Earle, Pres't of the Am. Hort. Society, who, by the way, as judge awarded 1st premium to the Stark exhibit at the great St. Louis Fair, not only for high merit, but, as he afterward said, "because every variety was correctly labeled". **DELICIOUS** we have not yet sent to Pres't Earle; but Pres't E. A. Riehl says, "surely **well named**".

After testing **CHICAGO**, along with a large number of the best old and new sorts, Pres't Earle wrote: "It impresses me as the **finest apple in the entire collection**".

CHICAGO is now **first introduced** exclusively by us. Can be obtained **nowhere** else; we own every tree in existence, and have been **three years** working up a stock large enough to enable us to make introductory prices rock-bottom, **one tree or one thousand**. Experts pronounce **CHICAGO** the best winter apple known. Will delight all beyond every expectation. Bids fair to excel nearly all varieties hitherto grown.

A visit to the original **DELICIOUS** tree, in Madison Co., Iowa, 35 miles from Des Moines, was made by our Mr. C. M. Stark, Nov. 1, 1900. Even at that late date apples were still hanging—the 14th crop without a failure. A full and **sure bearer**, and must become a **great fancy market apple**. We know many other good apples; not one is so **absolutely delicious**. For the last 5 years we had known **Delicious** to be an **extraordinary apple**; but it even surpasses our expectations. If you want to grow and sell the **very best apple in existence**, plant **DELICIOUS**: beautiful, fragrant, perfumed, juicy, melting—rivaling a **Seckel pear** in texture, flavor and quality.

APPLE OF COMMERCE, SENATOR and CHAMPION.—In October, 1900, our Mr. C. M. Stark spent two weeks in the apple region of Ark. where these three now famous apples and Black Ben Davis originated. Briefly, one result of this visit is: We shall grow and plant these four sorts **more largely**.


Mr. P. Gholson, of Benton Co., Ark., says: "Apple of Commerce [local name, Lady Pippin] will lay it over anything grown; have kept it **until July**; a fine bearer, a fine keeper, and is proof against bitter rot; have been growing it for 24 years and am **going to set more**. My 24-yr. trees have **never missed a crop** since they first commenced bearing, and my younger trees, now 12 years old, have the same record".

Mr. Gholson has two rows of Apple of Commerce in a 24-yr. orchard. Many trees of **other varieties** have already **passed away**, but there is **not a break** in the Apple of Commerce; and the trees of this age, as well as the younger, were **loaded with fine, LARGE fruit**. Mr. Gholson sold his crop of **Apple of Commerce 40% higher** than Ben Davis. Later, Chapman & Harris, on the Frisco R.R., paid **50% more** for Apple of Commerce than for Ben Davis. This shows conclusively that a demand is rapidly growing for **better apples** than Ben Davis and that buyers are willing to pay for such fruit. Furthermore, both orchardists and buyers say that the man who has an orchard of **straight Ben Davis** finds it increasingly hard to make a sale; for buyers prefer taking Ben Davis only in connection with **better sorts**.

Mr. H. Highfill, a neighbor of Mr. Gholson's, and the originator of Highfill apple, says he has often wished all his trees were Apple of Commerce, as it **bears as young** as Ben Davis and is **equally productive**.

SENATOR bore a **fine crop** this year as usual; fully bears out all claims made for it. Its beautiful color and **surpassing quality** will soon bring it into still greater popularity; as the tree is a remarkably **strong and thrifty grower**, orchardists will welcome it as a "**quality apple**".

CHAMPION we think more of than ever. A most regular and heavy bearer, fine color, and while not extra large, is of fine size for marketing and fruit is **very uniform**—a great point in a market apple. Bulletin No. 60 of the Ark. Experiment Station says: "Fruit well colored and smooth; a good keeper and apples are usually **nearly all marketable**. This is a promising apple and a safe variety for planting in this section. The original tree is still bearing good crops".



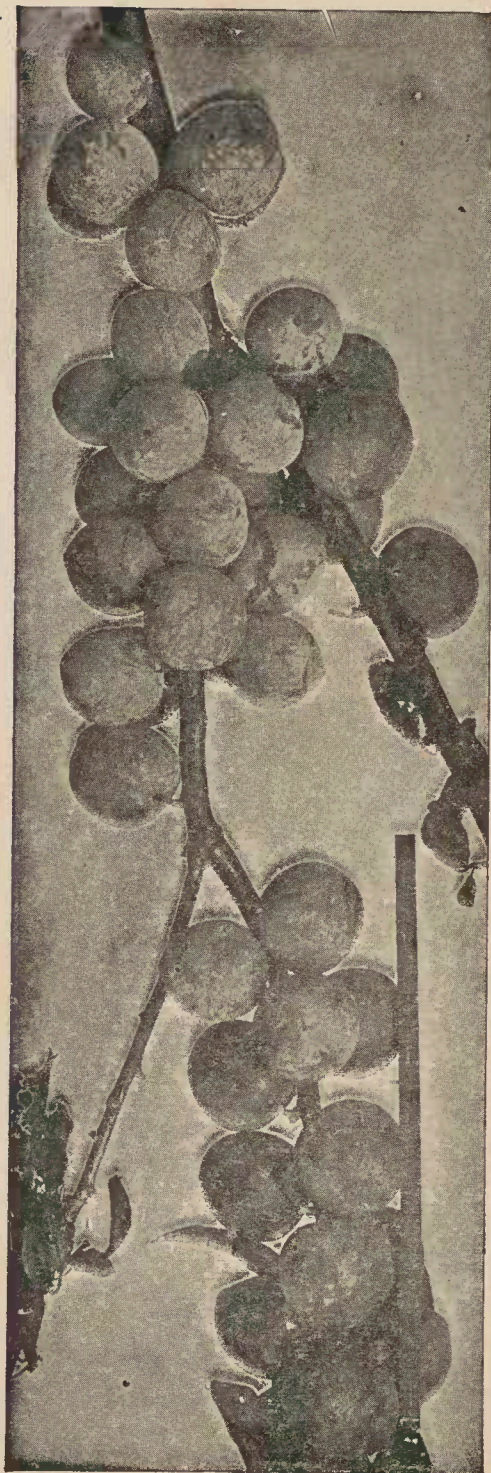
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Kan. Greatly ex-
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mond.**

**EARLY
RICHMOND
SWEET—**

From Iowa. Larger
finer, firmer, better
quality than old E'y Richmond.



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ORIENT, as grown in Stark experimental orchard. One of the best bearers among the Japs.

STARK TREES best by Test—77 YEARS
LARGEST Nursery.
FRUIT BOOK free. We **PAY CASH**
WANT MORE SALESMEN **Weekly**
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Like Mont. O. King, but even
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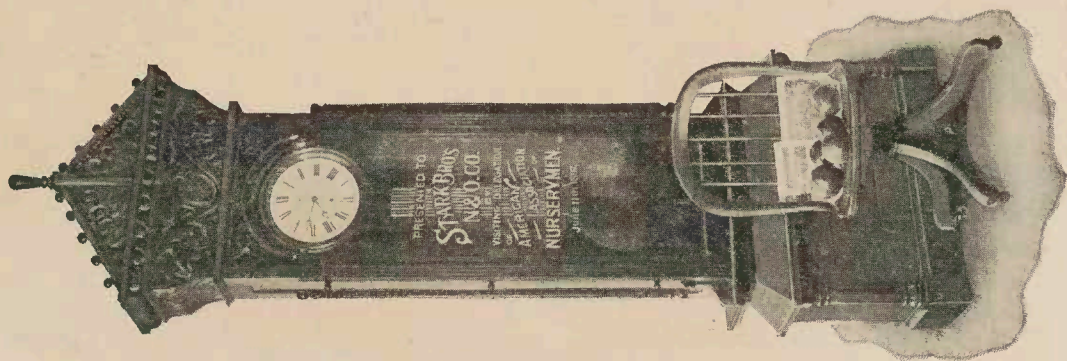
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SUDA HARDY—
Excels Wragg,
Eng. Morello, etc.

**A Row of 12-Yr. Stark MONT. O.,
the KING Cherry, in Full Bloom**

Trees planted spring 1886, here in 1887, and have given eleven successive crops WITHOUT A FAILURE. S
far the BEST CANNER, best ALL-PURPOSE CHERRY.
Cannot be too highly recommended for its NEVER-FAILING
HEAVY CROPS of fine fruit, beauty and largeness of tree.

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Mont. O. KING

STARK TREES
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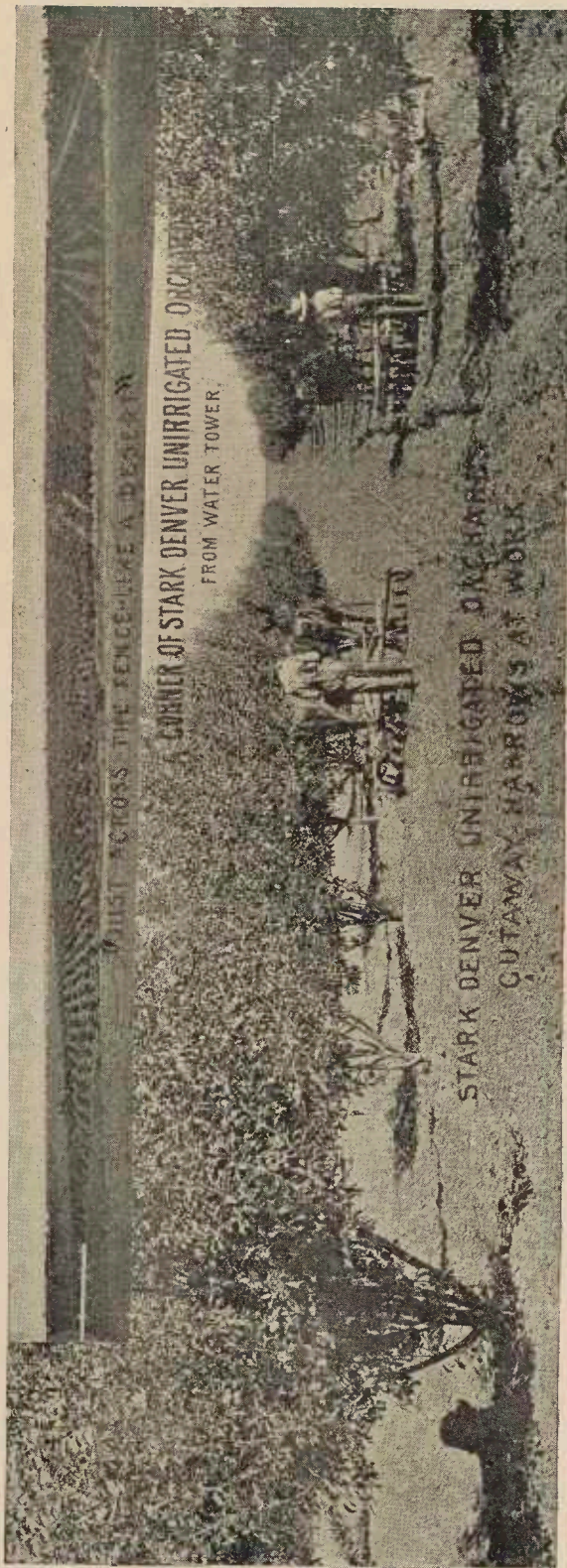
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MUST CROSS THE FENCE-LIKE A DESERT

CORNER OF STARK DENVER UNIRRIGATED ORCHARDS
FROM WATER TOWER

STARK DENVER UNIRRIGATED ORCHARDS
CUTAWAY HARROWS AT WORK



VERMONT BEAUTY

ALAMO

ROSSNEY

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An illustration of three pears. The top pear is 'Lady Clapp', the middle is 'Bartlett', and the bottom is 'Boussock'. Each pear is shown with its stem and some green leaves. The pears have a yellowish-green base color with reddish-orange blush. The 'Bartlett' pear is slightly behind the other two.

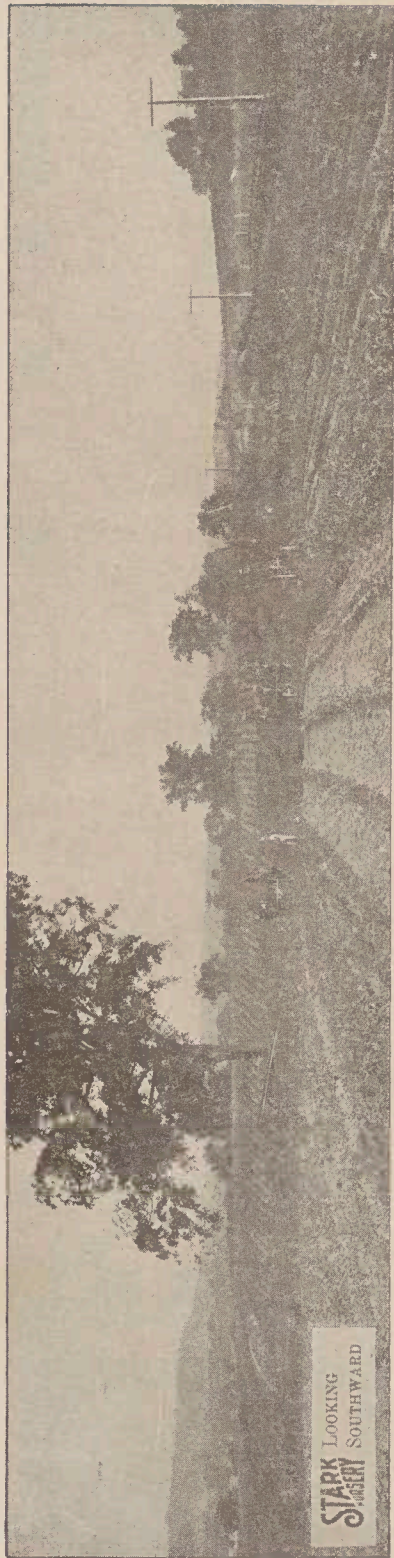
Lady Clapp

BARTLETT

Boussock

STANDARD FRUIT CO. NEW YORK

SAT
KNOX
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STARK LOOKING
SOUTHWARD



BUDDED

Apple

(2-yr. in Fall-Photo's
mid-summer);

PART OF A FIELD OF
700,000

-at STARK, Mo.

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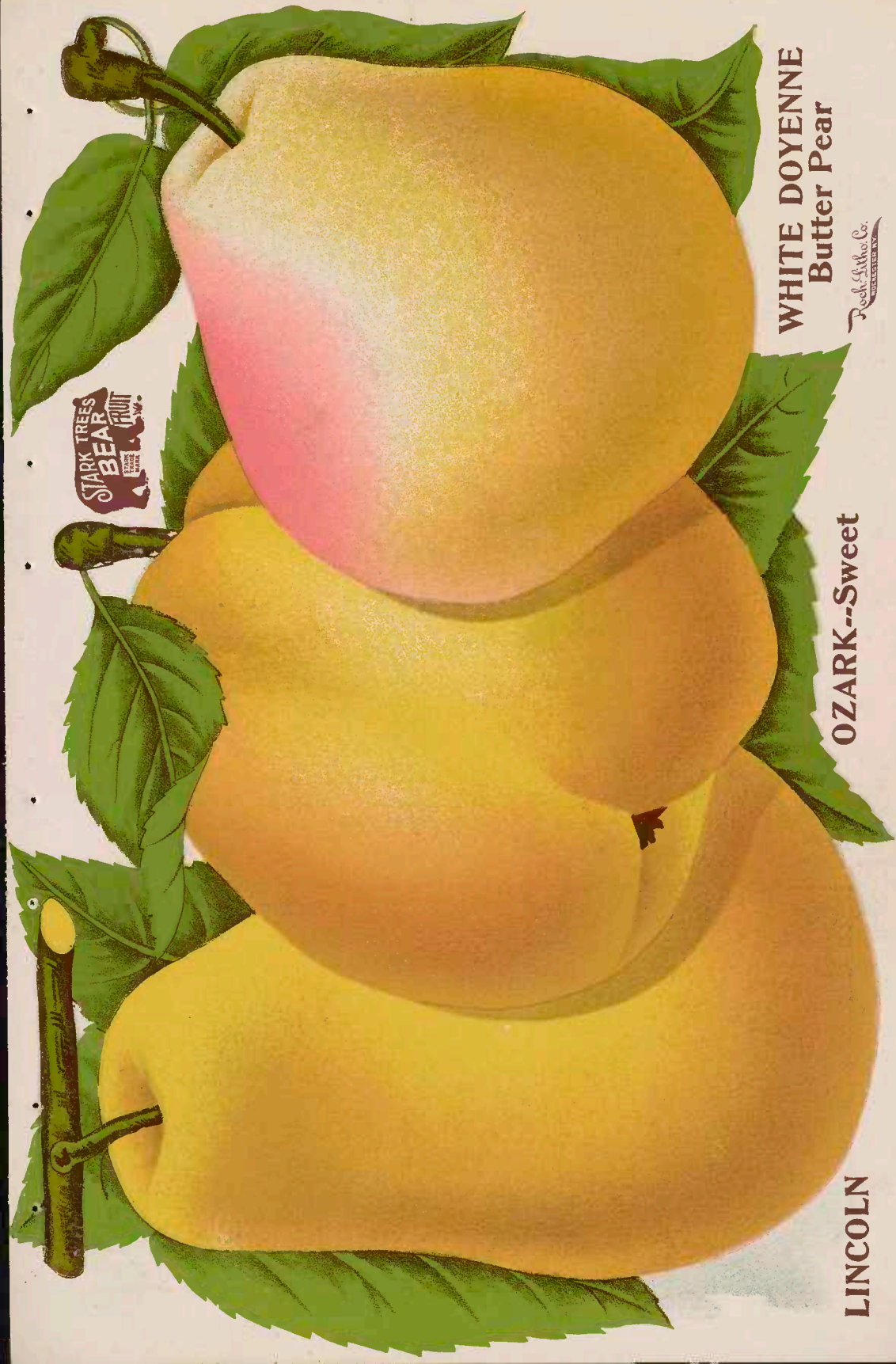
STARK TREES
BEAR
BRAND
FRUIT

WHITE DOYENNE
Butter Pear

Rock Hill Co.
SOUTH CAROLINA

OZARK--Sweet

LINCOLN





STARK
NURSERY

FIELD OF
ONE-YR.
PEAR AT
DANSVILLE,
N. Y.



MAKING TREES BEAR

easily, quickly, and without injury—which usually follows Girdling, Root-pruning, etc.:

In June, remove alternate strips of bark 1 to 2 inches wide, pointed at both ends; strips may extend almost from ground to branches.

New bark will form astonishingly quick without injury to the tree, yet a check will be given the high flow of sap, causing formation of bloom buds.

STARK TREES
BEAR
FRUIT

but these RED ASTRACHAN are tardy (and 2D CHOICE), and require "persuading."

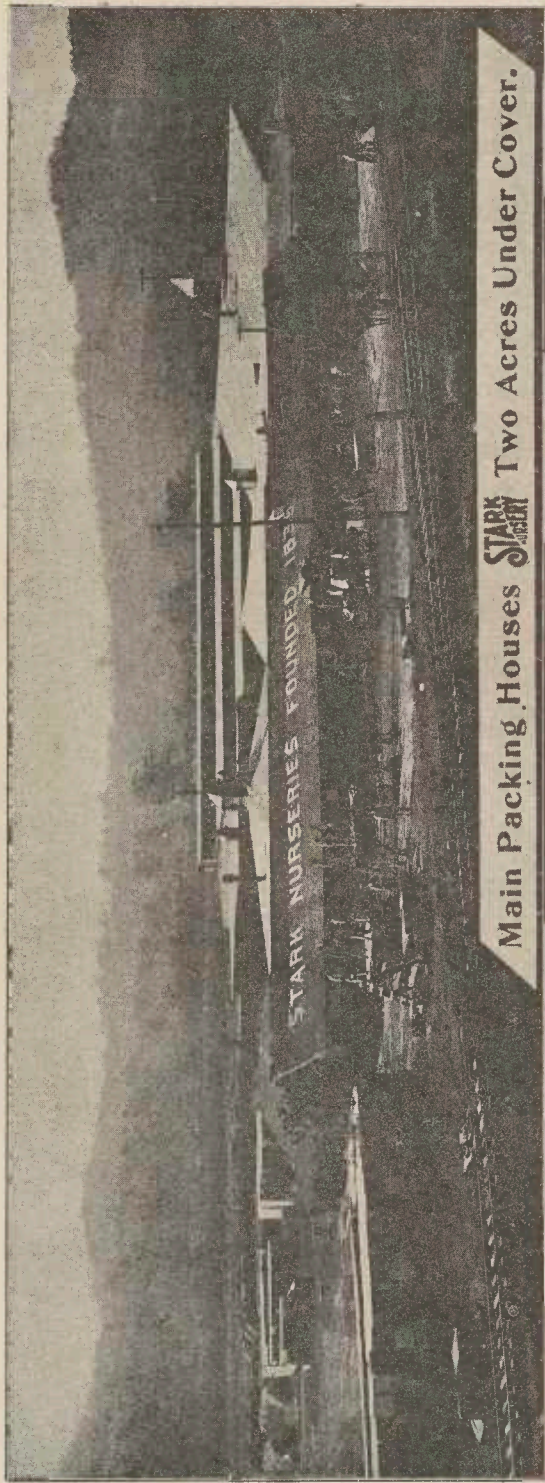
An artistic illustration of several pears. At the top is a large, round, yellow pear with a label 'GARBER'. Below it is a pear with a prominent red blush on a yellow-green background, labeled 'HOWELL'. In the bottom left is a pear with a brownish, russeted skin, labeled 'SECKEL--Sugar Pear'. Green leaves are scattered around the pears. A small logo in the upper left shows a bear silhouette with the text 'STARK TREES BEAR BRAND FRUIT'.

GARBER

STARK TREES
BEAR
BRAND
FRUIT

HOWELL

SECKEL--Sugar Pear



Main Packing Houses **STARK** and SONS Two Acres Under Cover.



STARK and SONS
on BURLINGTON ROUTE
Annada, Pike Co., Mo.
1-yr. Grafted apple.



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OVER 40 YEARS OLD.
GOOD FOR 40 MORE.

A STARK O.O.P. WHOLE ROOT TREE.



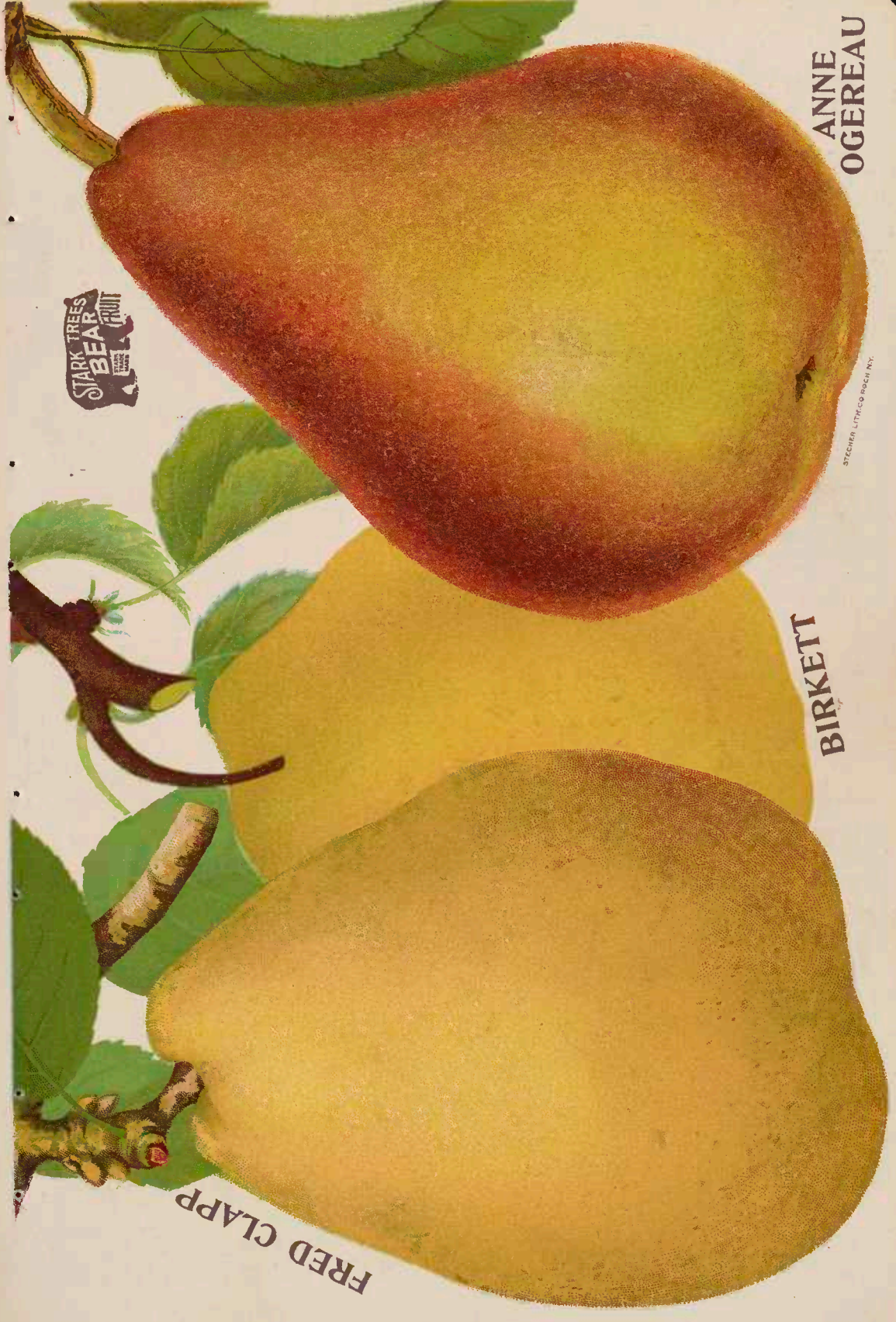
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OGEREAU

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BIRKETT

FRED CLAPP

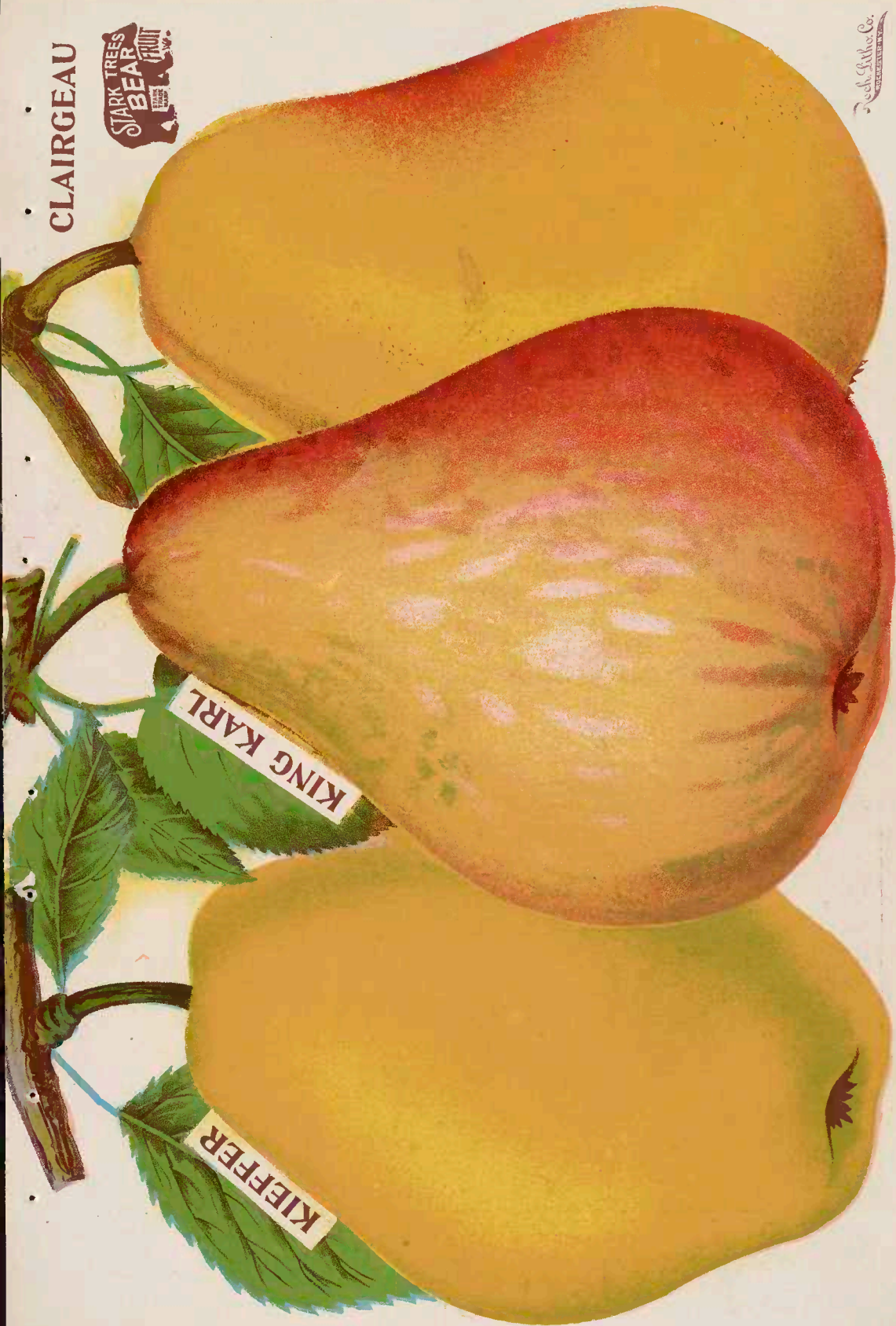




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BEARING PEAR TREE.



LAWRENCE



TRIUMPH—Like Duchess, but finer and 2 months later.

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**W. M.
Hastings'
GOLD
Plum
Orchard,
Delta Co.,
Colo.
Crop 1900.**

Luther Burbank, "Whose creative horticultural genius has, by new coinage of 'Blooming, ambrosial fruit of vegetable gold,' amply requited the world's gift of the choicest flowers and fruits for the advancement and adornment of California—thus bestowing new honors upon the state and new riches upon mankind"—thus describes four of his **'Five Greatest Creations'** which we have reproduced in color—theo it is impossible for the highest art of man to successfully imitate the delicate shadings, the unrivaled colors, the subtle bloom, all so lavishly bestowed on these productions of the "WIZARD OF HORTICULTURE." Mr. Burbank studiously avoids undue praise for his "New Creations" and we are safe in forming our estimate of value by his descriptions, as quoted below:

CLIMAX.—"A NEW KING. The best from a number of hybrids of Simoni X Botan. Fruit heart shaped, as large as Wickson, more highly colored, so fragrant that a whole house is perfumed with a single fruit; delicious as could be desired or imagined. Tree extremely vigorous; upright, strong branches, the very picture of hearty vigor. Productive as Burbank, (Climax Never Fails, and is nearly Frost Proof), 2 to 3 weeks earlier; a wonderful plum, which will change the whole business of early shipping. Prominent California growers who learned of this 'King' were disposed to form a ten thousand dollar syndicate for its purchase and control."

Quality much better than any early plum I know. Must have a great future before it.—H. E. VAN DEMAN. The best shipping plum that has come to my notice.—B. M. LELONG, Sec'y Cal. Hort. Society.

AMERICA.—"Of the same parentage as Gold, which has proved hardy throughout the United States, and no doubt America will prove quite as hardy. Tree like American plums in growth and appearance; drooping, slender branches and less robust growth than the Japs., and yet a good grower and exceedingly prolific. Fruit larger than the average Jap. plum, and from four to sixteen times as large as American varieties, such as Robinson, Miner, Milton, Wild Goose, Wayland, etc. Glossy, coral red, not surpassed in beauty by any plum. Flesh moderately firm and very delicious—so good that those who do not like most plums call for 'more' and keep right on eating Americas. Ripens fully five weeks before Gold, and two or three weeks before Robinson or Burbank, and like Gold, is a splendid keeper."

One of the finest plums I ever tasted; color so attractive it is nearly irresistible.—S. D. WILLARD, Geneva, N. Y. Am favorably impressed with America because of its size and freedom from rot.—E. A. RIEHL, Supt. Ill. Exp. Sta.

SULTAN.—"Huge, oval, deep purplish-crimson. Generally thought by those who have tested it to be one of the best plums produced—the most delicious, and the best shipper. Flesh is remarkably firm and solid, fragrant; subacid or sweet, dark crimson, beautifully shaded light pink and light yellow, seed diminutive. Tree a rapid grower, but compact; wood and leaves as much like Napoleon cherry as like a plum; ripens a week before Burbank, and nearly spring frost proof. Exceedingly productive—produces more big, highly colored, handsome, delicious fruit than any other plum. A regular 'Box filler' and a wonderful plum for shipping. A great keeper. A basket of these plums would attract instant attention anywhere by their unusual size and remarkable beauty."

I consider Sultan best in quality of all Hybrid Jap. plums I have tested.—PROF. S. A. BEACH, N. Y. Exp. Station. Quality all that could be desired.—S. D. WILLARD, New York.

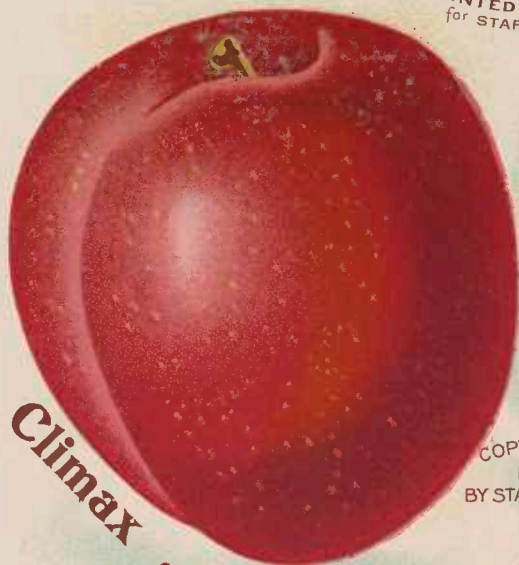
SULTAN measured 7x7 inches around; will certainly be a leader, not only for its great size, but for its exceedingly high quality and very small pit.—H. KNUDSON, Brown Co., Minn.

SHIRO.—"A combination of Robinson, Myrobolan and Wickson. Foliage, growth and general appearance most resembles Myrobolan, but a much stronger grower than any of the three from which it came; wood very hard and wiry, ripening up early in fall. Fruit produced in utmost profusion right on old wood around trunk and larger branches—tree looks like a mound of solid plums. Medium to large, uniform size, clear light yellow, and so transparent that pit can be seen; firm, yet juicy, rich, pleasant subacid, clingstone; ripens two weeks before Burbank, and quite as productive. Will keep a month. From its ancestry it should prove of great value where it is too cold to raise most good plums."

LUTHER BURBANK'S Japanese hybrid plums seem to be fully as hardy here, 100 miles north of Boston, Mass., as the Domesticas, and I shall plant an orchard of 1000 of them in the spring.—F. L. TEMPLE, Westminster, Vt.

Burbank's 5 Greatest Creations

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Climax



Shiro

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Gold



Sultan



America

Reck Litho. Co.
CHICAGO, ILL.



GOLD and Red June the only plums any good here. Abundance, Burbank and old and common sorts can scarcely be given away; but **could not SUPPLY THE DEMAND** for Gold and Red June at a good price.—W. M. HASTINGS, DELTA, COLO.

Gold is the Most Beautiful plum that could be imagined, of the **largest size, good quality** and abundantly **productive**.—E. A. RIEHL, Supt ILL. EXPERIMENT STATION.

Have Fruited Gold 5-Yrs.; a full bearer, **very fine**. Attracted attention at our State Fair. I shipped some Gold to Des Moines to see how it would sell. **Shall plant more Gold trees** this fall and push it.—B. A. MATHEWS, KNOXVILLE, IOWA.

Gold is Truly a Grand Acquisition.—E. H. RIEHL, ALTON, ILL.

GOLD CROP OF 1900; tree

three years planted, in chicken

yard of Mr. S. H. Butts, Louisiana, Mo.

At time photo was taken **more than 2 bushels** of fruit had been picked from this tree.

Gold has proven itself adapted to a larger territory than **any fruit known**.

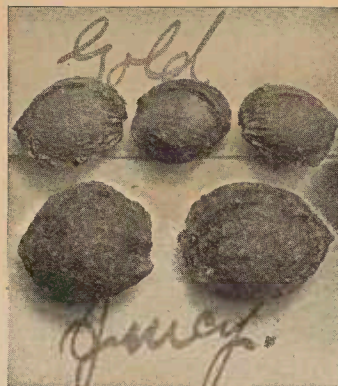
Original tree was **cheap at \$3000**.



GOLD Plums —IOWA, 1899



GOLD Plum, as grown by **Hon. B. A. Mathews, Marion Co., Iowa** (near Des Moines), in **1899**—after the **hardest Winter in 30 years**.



"The man who cannot tell Gold and Juicy plums apart **could not be trusted** to tell a Baldwin apple from a Rhode Island Greening. They differ in shape, **GOLD** being almost a perfect globe while Juicy is oval. They differ in time and manner of ripening, flavor and firmness of flesh. **GOLD** has a **SMALL stone**—Juicy one twice as large [see photo]. Trees are so **different in growth** that a **blind man or a horse** could tell the difference across a 10-acre lot."—Luther Burbank

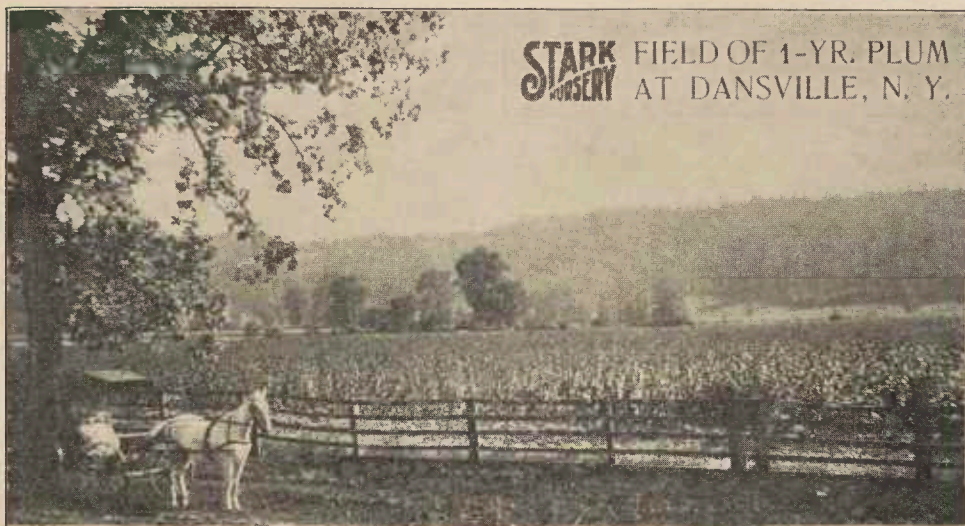


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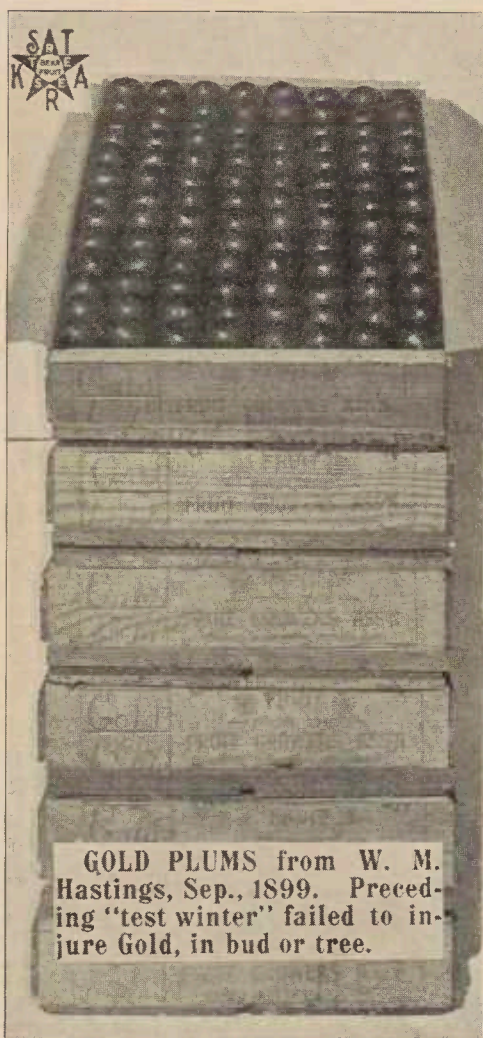
**POOLE PRIDE - Never fails.
Far finer than old Wild Goose.**

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NEW YORK



STARK
NURSERY

FIELD OF 1-YR. PLUM
AT DANSVILLE, N. Y.



GOLD PLUMS from W. M.
Hastings, Sep., 1899. Preced-
ing "test winter" failed to in-
jure Gold, in bud or tree.

WICKSON

RED JUNE

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ORIENT

POLE PRIDE

PIT OF GOLD PLUM



EARLIEST OF ALL

SPLENDOR
PLUM

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GOLD

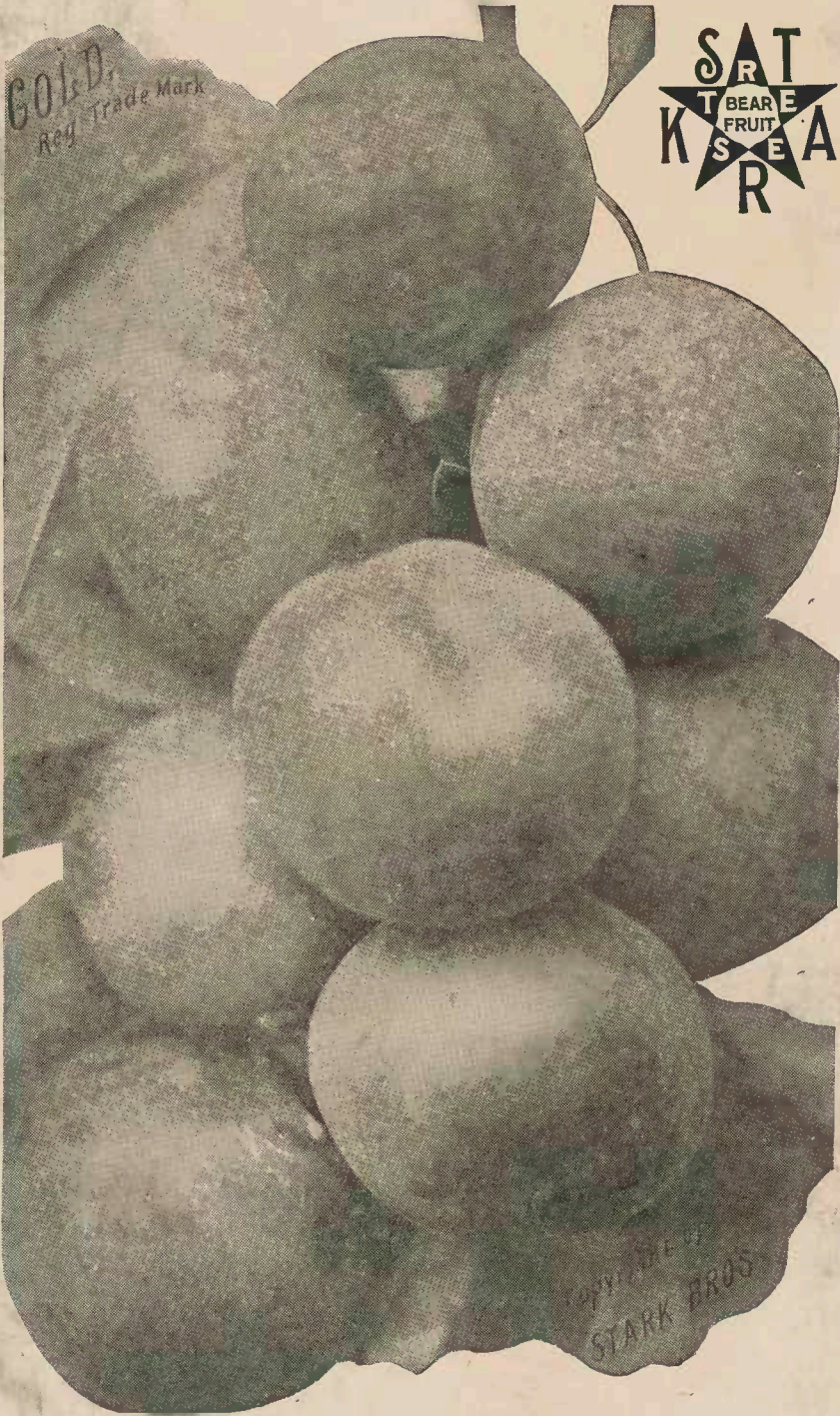
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\$ 3,000.00 PLUM

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GOLD,
Reg. Trade Mark



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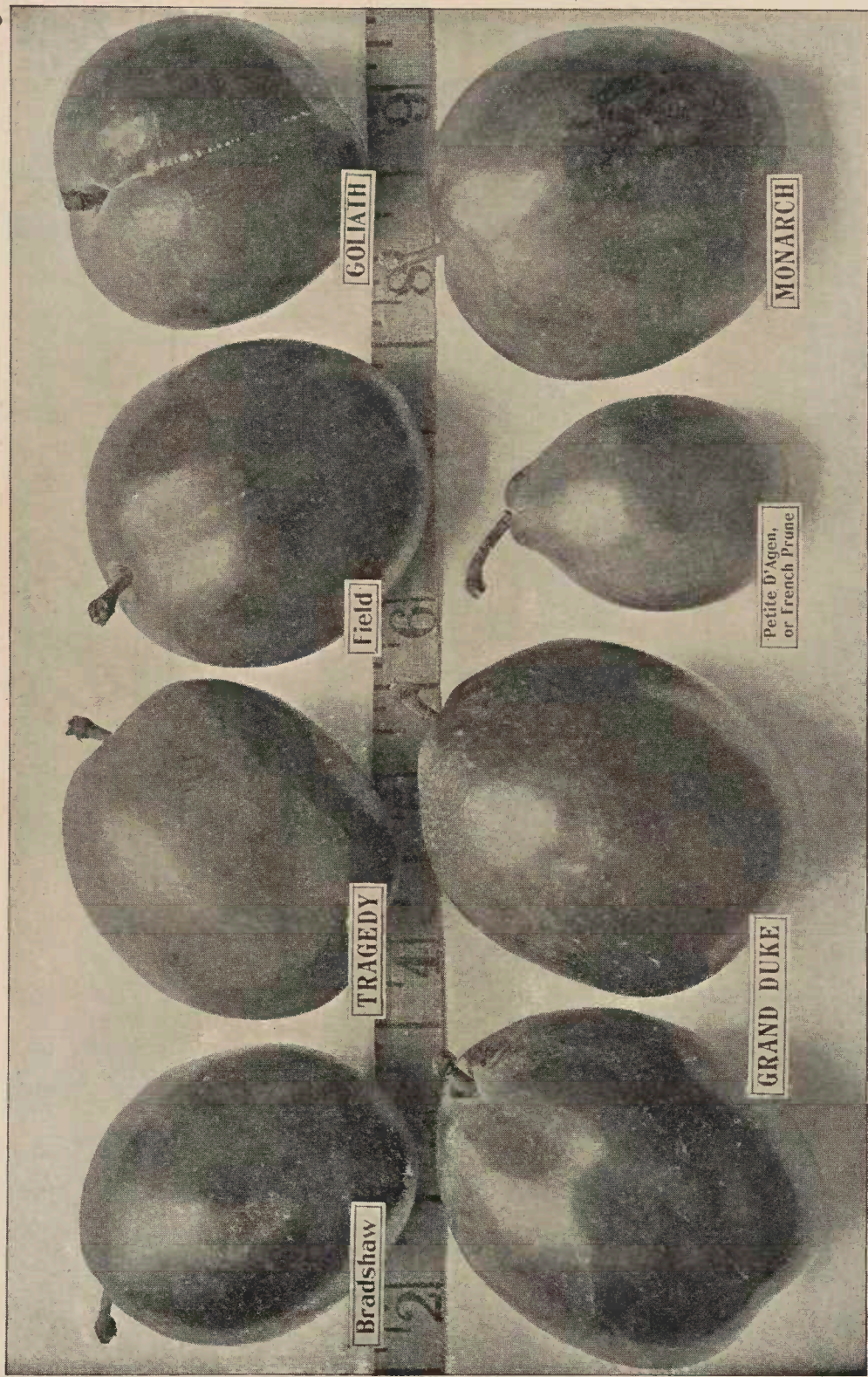
ABUNDANCE

BURBANK



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ROCKLEIGH, N.Y.



GOLIATH

MONARCH

Field

Petite D'Agen,
or French Prune

TRAGEDY

GRAND DUKE

Bradshaw

STARK TREES



STECHER & LITTM. CO. ROCHESTER, N.Y.

MATHEWS

(Trade Mark)
THE MONEYMAKER.

(SIZE REDUCED 1/3)

"My improved plum, MATHEWS, is 10 days later than Wayland, etc., and much **better bearer**; indeed, among all my plums—150 sorts—no variety excels it in **heavy and regular crops**. For 30 yrs.

I have always regarded it the **best plum grown for making Plum Butter**. Most profitable, as it **ripens after all others are gone**, and sells readily at **advanced prices**. Keeps **longer** than any other plum."—
B. A. MATHEWS, Knoxville, Iowa. [Entire stock sold to STARK BRO'S.]



SEA EAGLE IMP'D
the "test winter" of
'99 proved surpris-
ingly **hardy** both in
tree and **fruit-bud**.

Bokara No. 3 along-
side, killed in bud
and the wood badly
browned; wood of
Sea Eagle clear and
white, scarcely a
trace of discolora-
tion, and a good per
cent of **live buds**.

A very large red-
cheeked peach, of
exceptionally **fine**
quality and, evi-
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of notable value.





CARMAN

KRUMMEL
OCT.

POOLE FAVORITE

SEA EAGLE IMPROVED

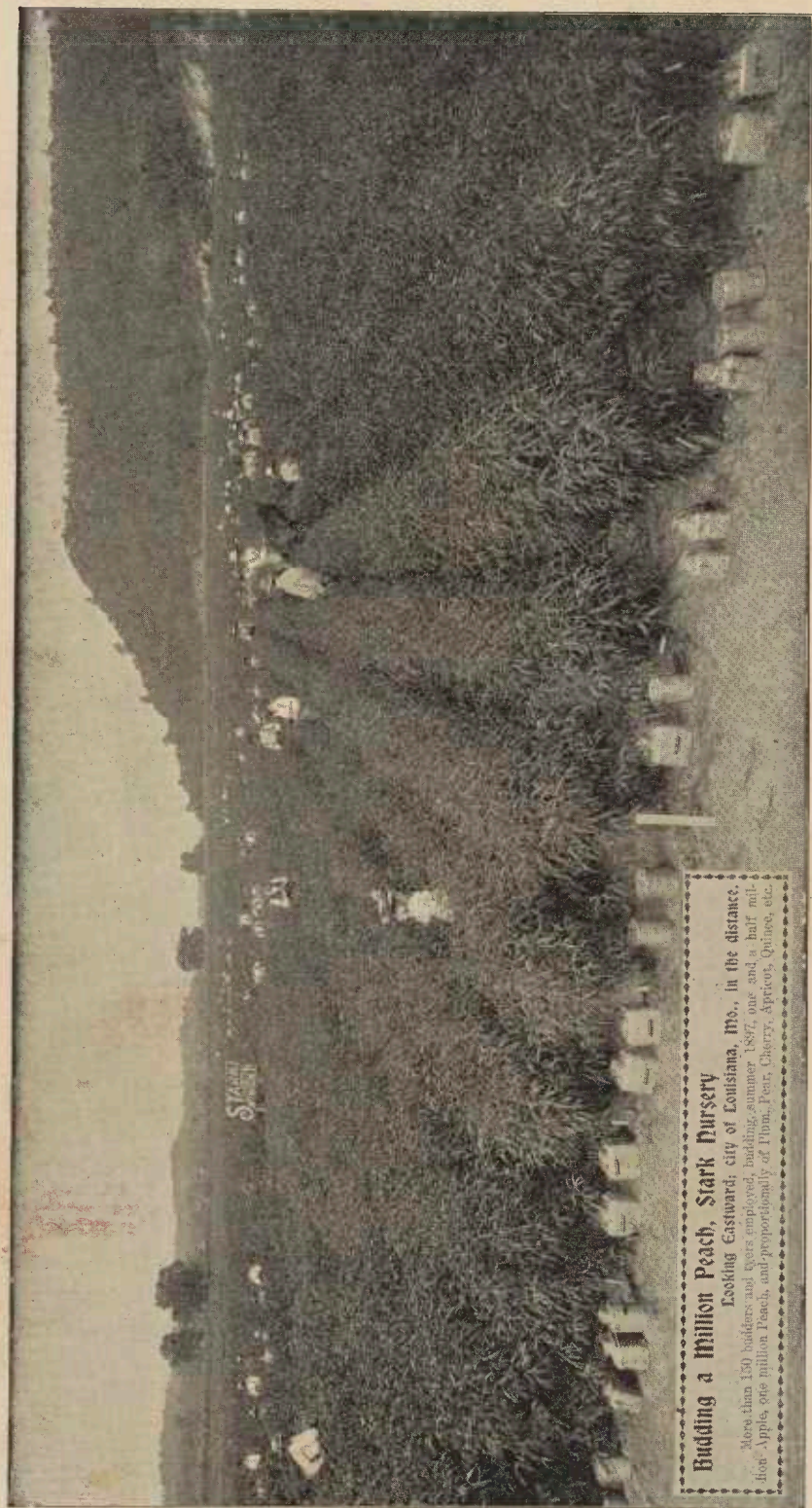
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ELBERTA CLING

ALL GOOD AND RARE
FULL CROB BEARERS

Rock Hill Co.
SOUTH CAROLINA



Budding a Million Peach, Stark Nursery

Looking Eastward; city of Louisiana, Mo., in the distance.
More than 150 budders and years employed, budding, summer 1897, one and a half mil-
lion. Apples, one million Peach, and proportionally of Plum, Pear, Cherry, Apricot, Quince, etc.

We Grow Peach extensively for the great commercial peach regions, where only **best trees and best up-to-date market sorts**, are wanted and planted. Healthy, hardy, vigorous trees, grown on **new land** from **Ozark Mountain** natural peach seed. No Yellows, no Rosette, no **San Jose** Scale.



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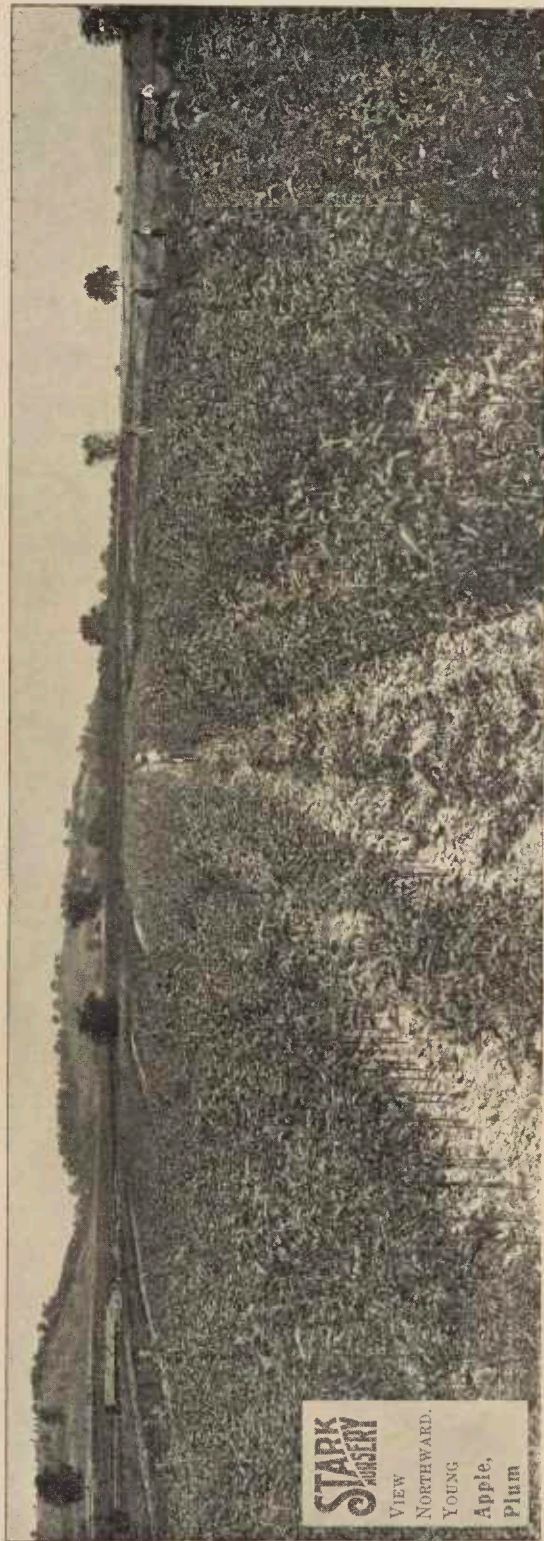


GREENSBORO

TRIUMPH

ADMIRAL DEWEY

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STARK
NURSERY

VIEW
NORTHWARD.
YOUNG
Apple,
Plum



STARK
NURSERY

LOOKING WEST.
YOUNG Cherry
IN FOREGROUND.



ALTON

CHAMPION

STARK LITHO. BOSTON



ELBERTA CLING
Finest yellow cling

STARK
NURSERY



**STARK
BROS.**

Burlington
Route

NURSERIES

1-YR. GRAFTED APPLE
ON ROLLING UPLAND



BUDED

Apple

(2-yr. in Fall-Photo's
mid-summer);

PART OF A FIELD OF

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WORTH-
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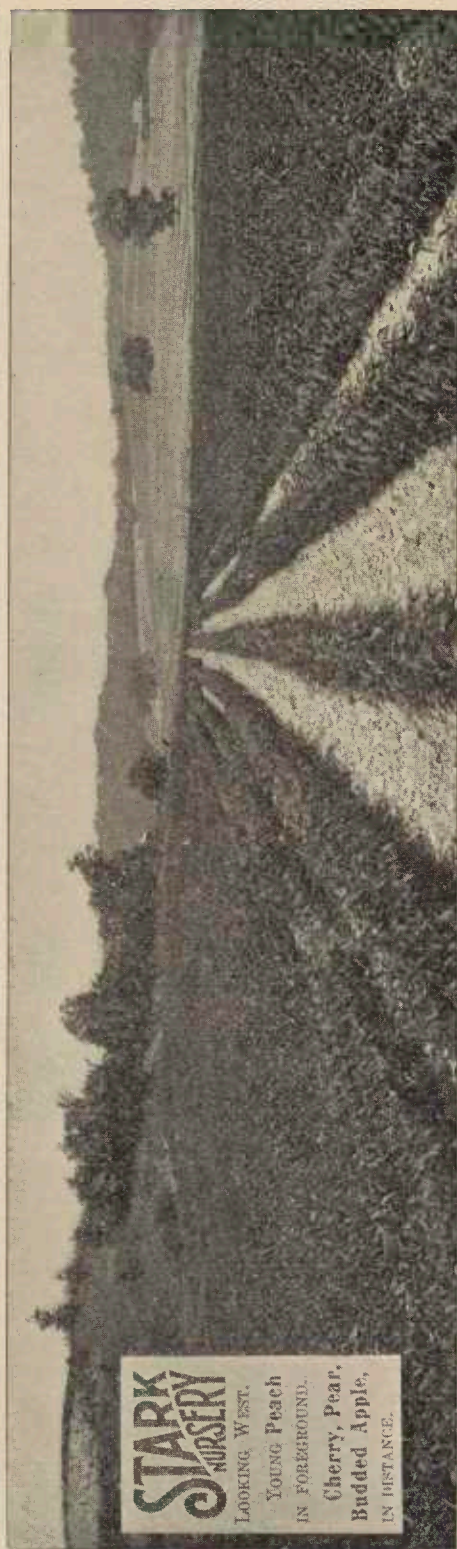


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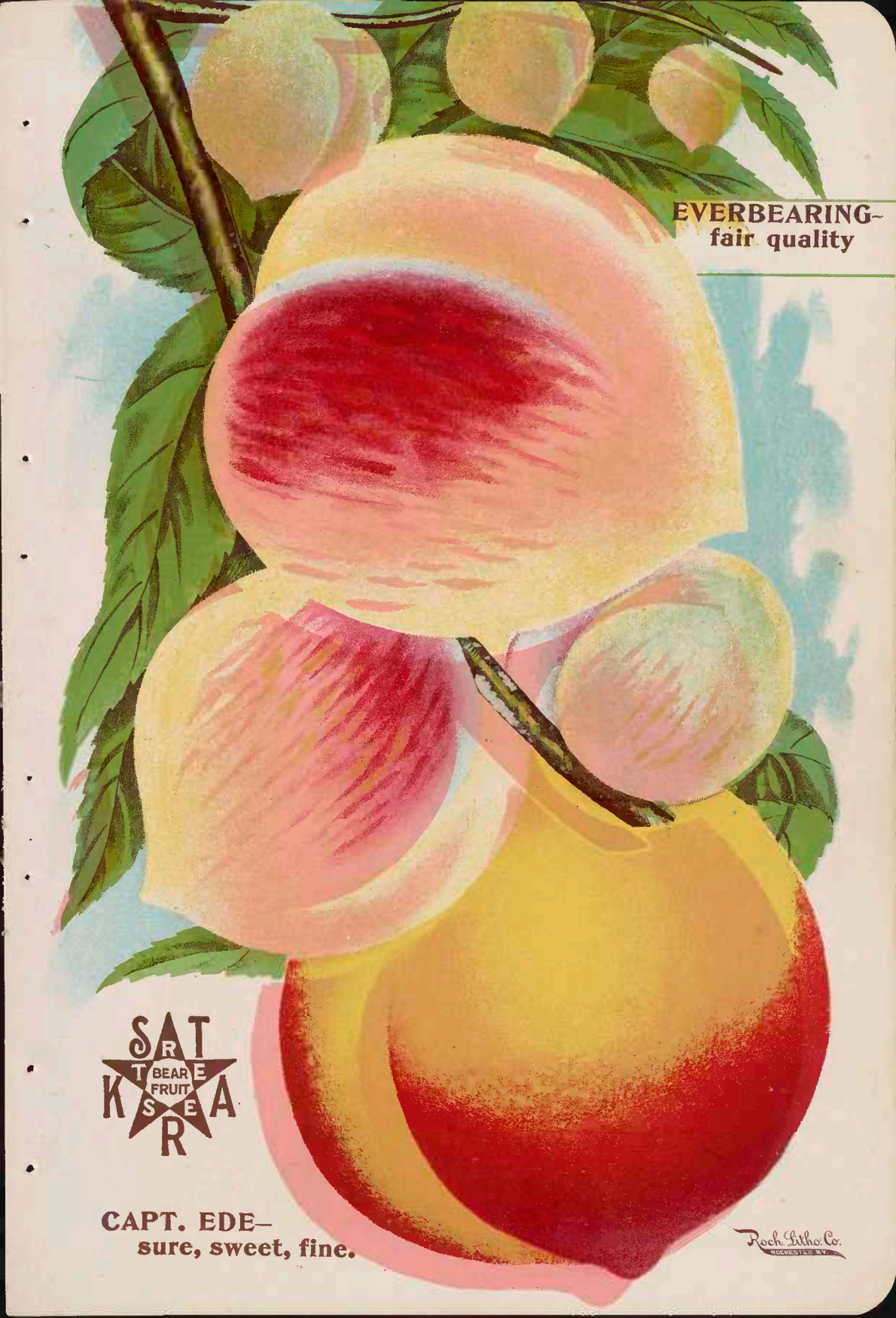
Rock Litho. Co.
ROCHESTER, N.Y.



LOOKING WEST.
STARK NURSERY
 957,350 Young budded
 Black Ben Davis and
 Apple of Commerce



STARK NURSERY
 LOOKING WEST.
 YOUNG Peach
 IN FOREGROUND.
 Cherry, Pear,
 Budded Apple,
 IN DISTANCE.

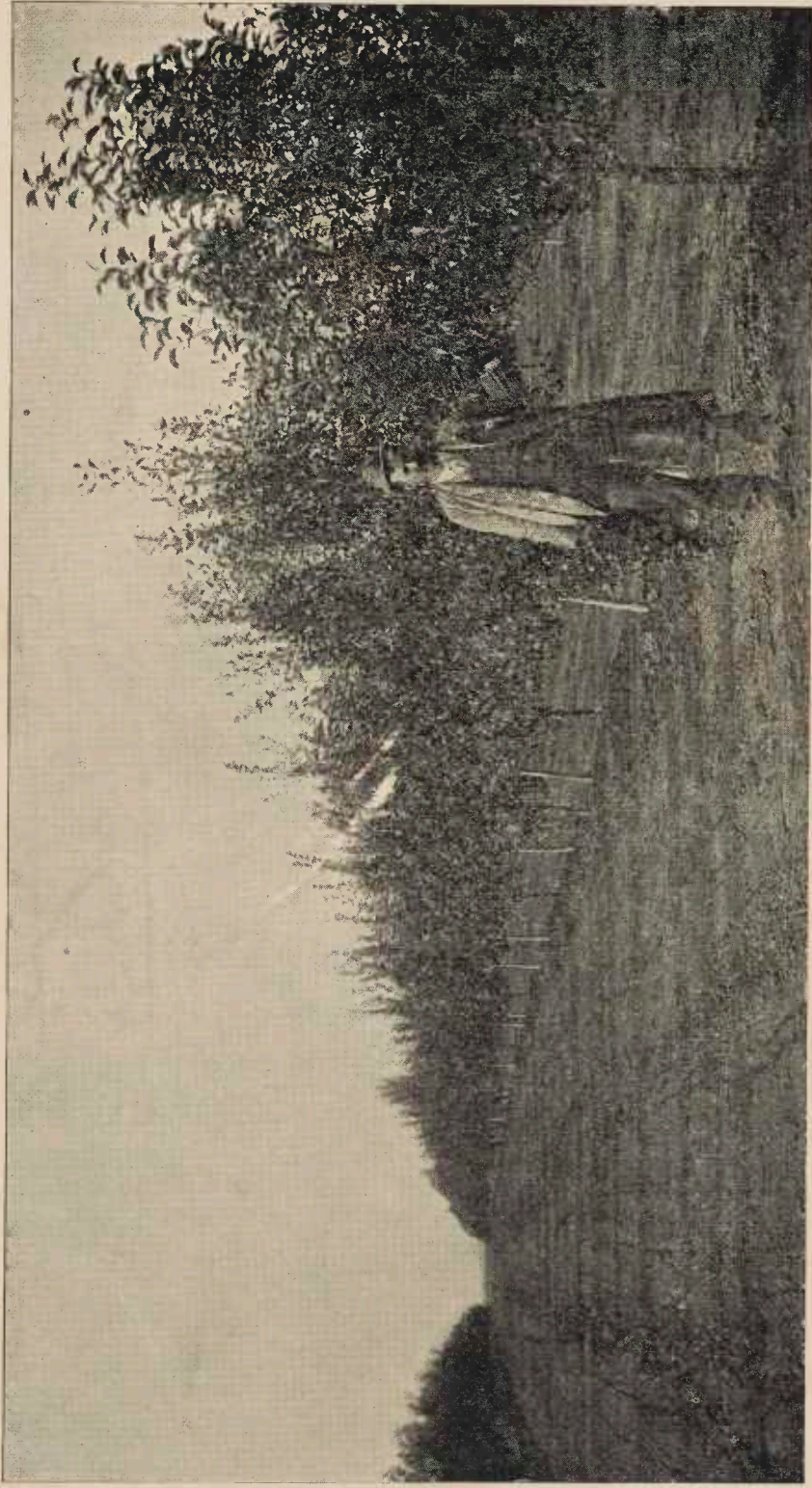


EVERBEARING-
fair quality



CAPT. EDE-
sure, sweet, fine.

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Stark Trees and Good Cultivation

FUTURE GREAT
Delicious

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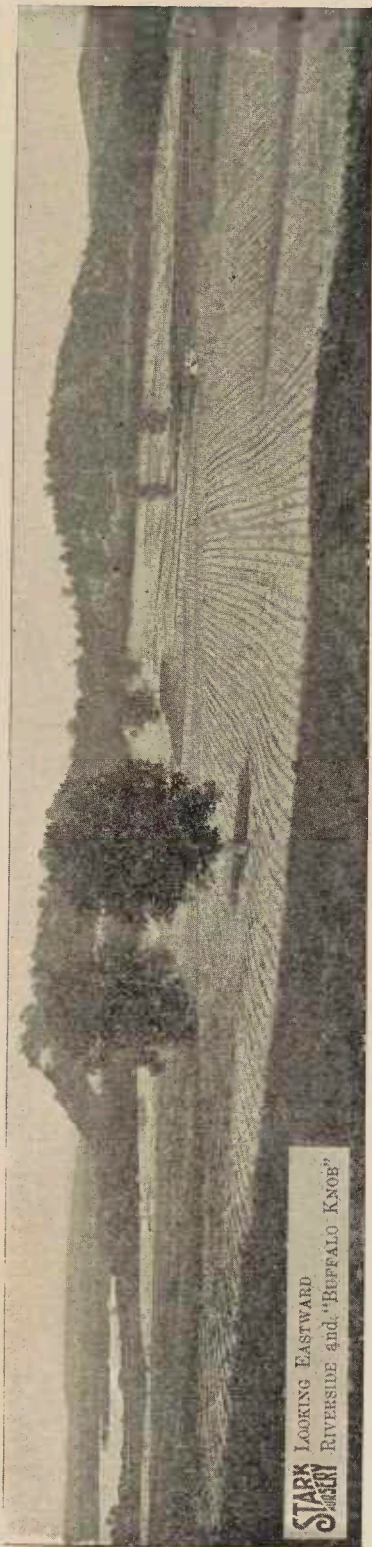


Rock Litho Co.
HOMERIDGE, N.Y.





Apple, BUDED whole root, XX, 2-yr. (4-yr. ROOTS),--HARDY trees, from rolling Upland, clay subsoil



STARK TREES
LOOKING EASTWARD
RIVERSIDE and "BUFFALO KNOB"

BEQUETT
MAMMOTH
FREE



MATHEWS BEAUTY



Rock Litho. Co.
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

LONGHURST—hardest of all

STARK TREES GOLD (TRADE MARK) STARK BROS.

NO LONGER AN EXPERIMENT

HAS PROVEN ITSELF OVER A LARGER TERRITORY THAN ANY FRUIT KNOWN.

Gold is the Most Beautiful plum that could be imagined, of the **largest size, good quality** and abundantly **productive**.—E. A. Riehl, Sup't Ill. Exp. Station, Sept., 1900.

The Gold Plum samples reached us Sept. 19, and we soon tested their qualities, tho we were tempted to retain them as long as possible because of their beauty. They were indeed a **feast for the eye**. To the **taste** they were a **delight** beyond that we ever experienced from eating a plum,—tender, juicy and of **exquisite flavor**. No collection of fruit trees is complete without Gold plum.—Colman's Rural World, Sept. 26, 1900.

Gold Truly a Grand Acquisition—Surpassed all other plums with us this year. A few fine specimens are still hanging on the tree.—Edwin H. Riehl, Alton, Ill., Oct. 10, 1900.

Stark Bro's sent specimens of Gold plum, a new variety which has been criticised by some. We cannot judge, from the fruit at least, where there is occasion to kick, but there are people who would object to the seat assigned them in paradise. Gold is not a pure bred Jap, but a cross-bred native and Japan, the seed parent being one of the **best, hardest** native American plums. In the Grand Valley where Gold plum has fruited for **three years**, the planters are well pleased, and four boxes from there were on exhibition last fall at our State Horticultural Fruit Show. The trees are very hardy and have **never winter killed**. The plums hug the limbs so closely that the wind cannot blow them off. The fruit will ship a long distance and remain **perfectly solid**, although the skin is somewhat thin and **lacking** in that **acid secretion** which gives such an unpleasant flavor to many plums.—Denver Field and Farm, Sept. 29, 1900.

Good Work Appreciated.—Your kind note regarding my crate of "Gold" rec'd and I beg to say it was **only a drop of what orchardists owe you** for the many things you have done to force nurseries to grow good trees. It used to be impossible to get a lot of trees true to name, but good, honest work forced all to be careful.—S. W. Hoyt, Vacaville, Cal., Aug. 1, 1900.

[Above in answer to our letter of thanks for a crate of extra fine Gold sent us free of charge.]

No One Can Deny that the rich yellow of the plum which Stark Brothers have trademarked "Gold" entitles it to the name. Fruit is remarkably attractive, with a transparent quality which makes one **want to taste it**. By the courtesy of the Stark Bro's, each of the editors had an opportunity to sample Gold and each pronounced it of fine flavor, remarkably sweet—on the whole, as **delicious** a plum as ever came to the editorial sanctum. Could the orchardist looking for an improvement in plums, or the housekeeper who wants fine, flavored fruit for home use make the test permitted to us there would be no question about the selection of Gold.—Farm, Field and Fireside, Sept. 29, 1900.

I Consider Gold a Valuable Plum, from the consumer's standpoint. Very fine color, excellent flavor.—E. C. Powell, Editor New England Homestead.

Larger than Sample.—Received sample Gold plum, but I can beat them nearly half. My Gold trees are the first you sent out in '95; they have given me **four crops** in the five years since they were planted.—Francis M. Troth, Van Buren Co., Ia., Sept. 13, 1900.

Simply Magnificent.—To-day I witnessed the grandest sight of my life in tree fruits: In orchard of Mr. Fleeman on 400 Gold plum trees set just 4 years ago, I found great, golden wreaths of solid fruit, very uniform and **SIMPLY MAGNIFICENT**. On one twig measuring 3 feet, were 50 large, even sized plums. A sight worth going miles to see.—W. T. Davis, Buchanan Co., Mo., July, '00.

Bearing One Year After Planting.—I obtained sample Gold plum in this city. Tree small, 2 yr. set; bore 101 plums last Aug. and feel confident more than a bushel this year.—W. S. Gardner, Lamar Co., Tex., July 21, 1900.

My **GOLD** trees full of fine plums, as good as they are fine.—C. V. Thompson, Cleveland Co., Okla., July, 1900.



Have fruited Gold 5 Years; a full bearer, very fine. Attracted attention at our State Fair. I shipped some Gold to Des Moines to see how it would sell. **Shall plant more Gold trees** this fall and push it.—B. A. Mathews, Knoxville, Iowa, Sept. 5, 1900.

Gold at Hort. Soc.—At last meeting of our Society the Pres't had twigs of Gold plum which were beautiful. The tree is literally loaded. There will be a number of trees ordered from this section.—J. M. Irvin, Ed. Western Fruit Grower, July 30, 1900.

Stark Bro's, Louisiana, Mo., send us samples of their Gold plum. The plum is round, indented at stem like an apple; of medium size—**larger** than Wild Goose—light red, shading to yellow in color, and dark yellow flesh. Flavor "peachy" and almost free from acid at skin and stone. These samples indicate that **GOLD** is one of the **very best** plums for eating out of hand. If the tree and buds are hardy and the fruit not subject to rot we must regard this plum as an important acquisition.—Nebraska Farmer, Oct. 4, 1900.

Bearing Under Difficulties.—Specimens of Gold received. They are fine. Mine this season have encountered a whole procession of storms, hot winds, grass hoppers, hail, drouth, etc., but have some fruit still on the tree.—E. H. Clark, Kans., July 21, 1900.

Queen of All Plums is Gold; for size and beauty they **surpass the picture**. One tree from you 3 years ago bore last year and this. Last year I planted 10 more trees of Gold, most have plums; this spring planted 10 more, which are doing fine in spite of drouth. Have orchard 100 plum trees, mostly Japs from your nursery—20 RED JUNE, set 2 years, had very fine plums; BURBANK, set 3 years, are nothing but a mass of plums and must be propped; tree very hardy like Gold and Red June. **ABUNDANCE**, have had to rope to keep from breaking; fine, but not so hardy in tree and bud as Gold. Will dig out my natives from other nurseries and replace everything with Gold, Red June and Burbank, **STARK TREES**. Farmers should plant Jap plums instead of peaches in northern Iowa, Neb. and Kas., where peach buds freeze. Then they are **sure** of fruit every year.—T. M. Fleming, Republic Co., Kans., July 20, 1900.

A Good Word for Jap Plums.—You wrote me to have patience with my Jap plums—they would surprise me with their crops. They not only surprised me, but every one that saw them; all exclaimed, "I never saw anything like it! What kind of plums are they?" **Sold 85 boxes from one tree**, besides those that were eaten. Am picking Chabot now; they are loaded—have to tie and prop every limb. Will plant more Japs.—Mrs. Elmira Gable, Peoria Co., Ill., Aug. 27, 1900.

Gold Attracts Great Attention; an abundant bearer and very hardy.—Wm. Bomgardner, Colo.

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peatedly commended by
Pres't Lyon, sure, profuse
bearer. Quality fine. Mar-
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PRES'T LYON

Want More Trees, Especially GOLD.—Sample rec'd 18 days ago, and wanted to preserve, but don't you know Adam has a whole lot of descendants? It must have been a Gold plum that Eve tempted him with. I ate one damaged in the mail (carried 23 miles horse-back); so good I ate another; first plum I ever saw could bite a mouthful like an apple. The seed is so small why don't you call it seedless? Some nurserymen would. One plum is keeping fine to dry except where bruised, and bruises don't rot—simply dry up same as Ben Davis apple.—L. Godwin, Pueblo Co., Colo., Aug. 9, 1900.

Stands Drought.—Went carefully over Gold plum trees this morning just to see how much damage by failure of irrigation ditches; not a drop of water since middle of June, and every day hot. I feel quite sure I can select enough good specimens to make you happy. Crop is very large for such small trees, but think I can yet do you some good in that line.—W. M. Hastings, Delta Co., Colo., Aug. 4, 1900. [Mr. Hastings sent us later 25 crates of extra fine fruit from these trees.]

Three or Four Hundred Plums on one little tree of Gold planted two years ago. Gold, Red June and Burbank are beginning to bear here.—W. O. Norvall, Red Willow Co., Neb., July 14, 1900.

Gold All Right, As Usual.—Your Gold plum all right here; whilst tree healthy and clean, it is smaller in habit of growth than Burbank, Red June, etc.—A. Pullen, Nurseryman and Fruit Grower, Kent Co., Dela.

Four Bushels from a Four-Yr. Tree.—Gold plums sent you came from tree just 4 years from bud, and I gathered a little over 4 bushels from it.—E. V. Dunn, Tarrant Co., Tex., July 27, 1900.

Worth the Price.—Gold plums are grand and the trees are cheap at any price.—J. L. Young, Warren Co., Ill., July 24, 1900.

From Buchanan Co., Iowa, "Pioneer," July 21, 1900.—C. C. Nelson shows samples of Gold plum raised in Iowa. To say the least, they are the finest plums ever grown around this part of Iowa and we cannot conceive why everyone who has spare land does not have an abundance of this luscious fruit.

Sample Gold plum received. Very much taken with it. Will put out some trees of Gold next spring.—W. C. Scott, Greene Co., Ill., July 15, 1900.

Gold is a Marvel of beauty and sweetness, a thing we can say without fear of contradiction, because we have partaken of this luscious fruit. A fine shipper, as is shown by condition in which some sent to this office by mail were received, and we are confident that every orchardist will find it a great acquisition.—Farmers' Voice, Sept. 29, 1900.

Gold at \$1.50 per Peck, or \$6 per bushel.—In 1896 I worked hard, talked fruit and induced a few farmers to plant your leading varieties, such as Gold, Red June, etc. To-day one man sold Gold plums at \$1.50 per peck; also had Red June and says fruit was as large as hens' eggs, and that if he had planted freely of these two plums he would now have a gold mine. You have the greatest fruits in the world and if more farmers could be induced to plant them, they would have more of the "long green."—J. H. Davis, Van Zandt Co., Tex., July 16, 1900.

STARK TREES ADVERTISE THEMSELVES.—Gold plums received and admired by everybody. Had no trouble in getting first-class recommendations from parties who have planted your trees. H. R. Lundy, Merriek Co., Neb., July 20, 1900.

From the Trade.—Sample Gold plum received; we are well pleased with it and would like to catalogue it this fall if we can make such arrangements with you.—Nurserymen, Tarrant Co., Tex., July 26, 1900.

Like Nuggets of Gold.—Gold for sure—are the plums received to-day. Shall see what Gold will do.—Chas. E. Sine, Shenandoah Co., Va., July 22, 1900.

Exceeded Expectations.—Gold the finest thing I ever saw in plum line; far ahead of my expectations.—J. S. Massey, Meade Co., Ky., July 23, 1900.

A Wonder to Behold are the Gold plums bought of you 2 yrs. ago; the most beautiful plum old York Co. ever saw. And not ripe yet and much larger than samples you sent. You will remember that trees shipped on Nov. 1 did not arrive until Dec. 16. Notwithstanding long delay, every tree growing in spite of dry summer.—R. A. Knisely, York Co., Pa., Aug. 6, 1900.

EXPERIENCE.—Gold has proved itself everywhere, surprising even horticulturists as to its wide adaptability. Gold was bred to prove a winner; knowing this we had no hesitancy in paying \$3000 for original tree, because we had faith in it and appreciated the value of just such a plum. It's the plum for the millions.—STARK BROS.

Plant Gold Plums largely, for ornament as well as for utility and profit; they are beauties and no mistake.—W. J. Emmerson, Union Co., Iowa, July 20, 1900.

Pres't First National Bank, W. S. Algeirs, says Gold plum is worth \$5 per bu.—never saw any plum so fine. Your stock is your best advertisement. After making 16 deliveries for you, have found only one mistake, and stock has given general satisfaction.—S. C. Kyle, Montgomery Co., Iowa, July 23, 1900.

Unfortunately for the Editor, a sample of Gold Plum came to the office during his absence. The office force had a plum feast, and Mr. F. M. Stahl wrote the editor as follows: "When you write the report on Gold Plum make it just as strong as you please. We will vouch for all you say concerning it. The proof of the plum is in the eating—and we know what became of the plum." This was intended for the editor alone and is a perfectly frank, honest statement.—John E. Stahl in Farmers' Call, Sept. 27, 1900.

Changed His Opinion.—Mr. Reams a few weeks ago told me Gold was a fraud and threatened to cut his trees down because plums were so small. Yesterday he said he was too hasty, as plums had grown just before ripening, to a very large size; said he would not take \$5 apiece for the trees.—W. A. Perkins, Cooke Co., Tex.

Samples of Gold Were Grand, but small when compared with those raised by my father. His little trees were loaded with the finest fruit I ever saw.—Wm. Sherwin, Scott Co., Ill., Sept. 20, 1900.

Equal the Sample.—Gold plums received; they are beauties. Have some on my trees that will be just as nice.—C. A. Huyck, Sanders Co., Neb., July 27, 1900.

Gold Bears Everywhere.—A tree of Gold in orchard of Mr. Hutchinson, has undoubtedly more and finer fruit than anything ever seen in this part of the country.—Thos. Miller, Sebastian Co., Ark.

Finest Thing I Ever Saw. I find Fruit Book does not flatter Gold in the least.—Wm. Barnes, Cleveland Co., Okla., July 15, 1900.

Six Inches in Circumference.—Mr. Condon has a Gold tree and most of the plums measure 6 inches strong around; so you see we can beat your sample right here.—A. G. Lietch, Henry Co., Iowa, Sept. 6, 1900.

Excellent Flavor, Fine Color, Good Size, are the Gold Plum just rec'd. Just the plum for our climate and soil. Gold trees bought of you two years ago made wonderful growth.—D. W. Herman, Member Ill. Horticultural Society, Tazewell Co., Ill., Sept. 19, 1900.

"Wild Goose Will Have to Stand Aside, though thought mine the finest plum on record; but Gold takes the lead," said Jas Lyons when I showed him sample of Gold. Everyone was delighted—could hardly believe they were plums.—E. W. Early, Lincoln Co., Mo.





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Every now and again this firm is informed that competitors are active in stating that STARK BRO'S do not grow trees, but are simply tree dealers, buying their stock from other nurseries—particularly from themselves.

The best way to refute this and bring the facts visibly before the eyes of those who have not visited the STARK NURSERIES to see for themselves, is to state that STARK BRO'S are the only Nurserymen in the U. S. who publish so many practical photo-illustrations of their nurseries and orchards, and at the same time freely invite the public to **visit** and **confirm** the truth of their pictures and statements.

The first actual reproduction of scenes in nurseries was given to the world by STARK BRO'S. The camera was brought to bear on the great fields of nursery trees, the fruit laden orchards, and the busy packing houses, bringing evidence **surer and more convincing** than all the descriptions that could ever be written. Hitherto the accounts of the STARK NURSERIES appearing in the papers from time to time had been solely recorded by the pen, and, consequently, denounced as exaggerated and highly colored. It was then that STARK BRO'S brought the camera to bear—and this is a **WITNESS WHICH CANNOT EXAGGERATE, CANNOT LIE**. The pictures made by the sun **must** show just exactly what comes before them. Being painted by Nature herself, they must necessarily be **TRUE TO NATURE**.

Stark Bro's court investigation—they have nothing to hide. No trade secrets to keep. Visitors are welcome in the offices, to the nurseries, propagating departments—everywhere. They have advertised for years inviting visitors to come, and making this challenge: If everything is not as represented, and, moreover, ahead of any competitor, they will give gratuitously, **1000 Whole Root trees, FREE of any charge**.

Leading pomologists, horticulturists, and nurserymen of the U. S. and foreign countries, men most competent to judge, and hundreds of other visitors, come, see and go away **pleased**, most of them **customers**—and never yet one to claim the 1000 free trees. These **personal visits, proofs, and facts, supply evidence that overthrows misrepresentations and conquers unjust, unfair competition**.

Perhaps no one enterprise of this firm has received more attention than the STARK DENVER ORCHARDS; and yet the **VERY EXISTENCE** of these orchards **has been denied**, notwithstanding they have been **PHOTOGRAPHED OR ILLUSTRATED** by leading horticultural papers and the great dailies of Denver **as well as in the U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPORT**, and **VISITED BY THOUSANDS**, including such scientists as Prof. L. R. Taft, of Mich. Exp. Station, U. S. Pomologist Van Deman, and others equally eminent. However,

Abuse Always Recoils upon the head of the abuser; the very worst wind sown is that which has for its purpose the extermination of a just, fair and square business. Right is always successful and truth is something which **must** prevail. Honorable business methods alone can build up and guarantee the permanency of any firm. Business men who abuse and misrepresent their competitors are sowing to the wind. It is only a matter of time when they will reap the whirlwind.

STARK BRO'S dare to do right as they see the right, regardless of what others may do or leave undone. Year by year they do a constantly increasing business. Many who sought to annihilate them, sowing the wind of abuse, long ago reaped the whirlwind.

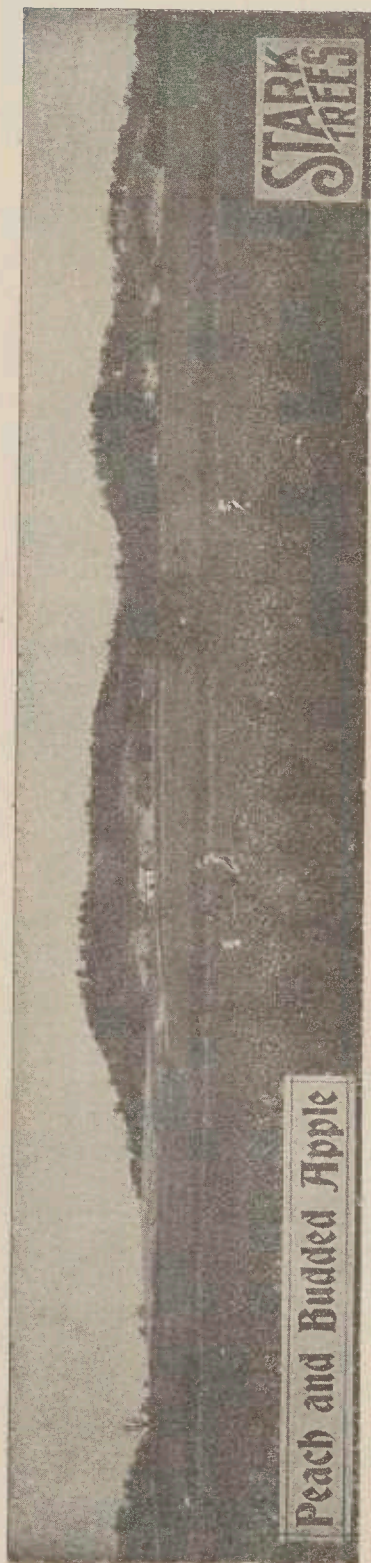


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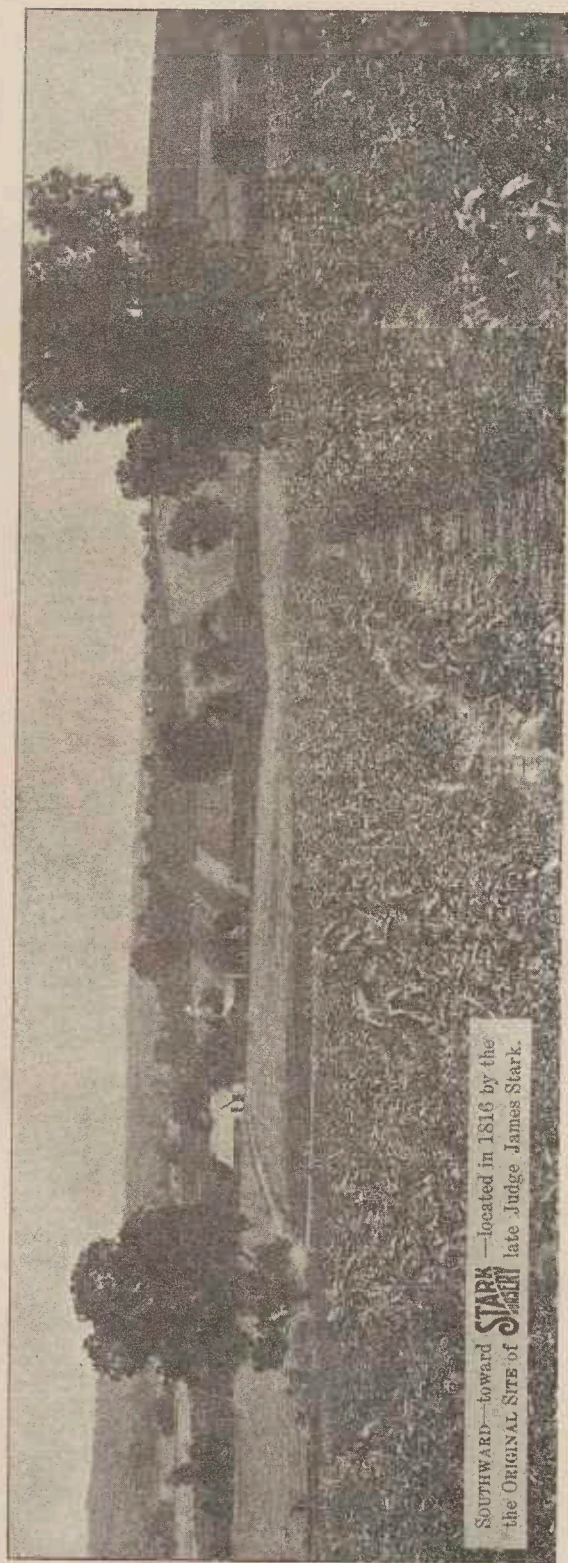


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Peach and Budded Apple

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SOUTHWARD—toward STARK
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the late Judge James Stark.



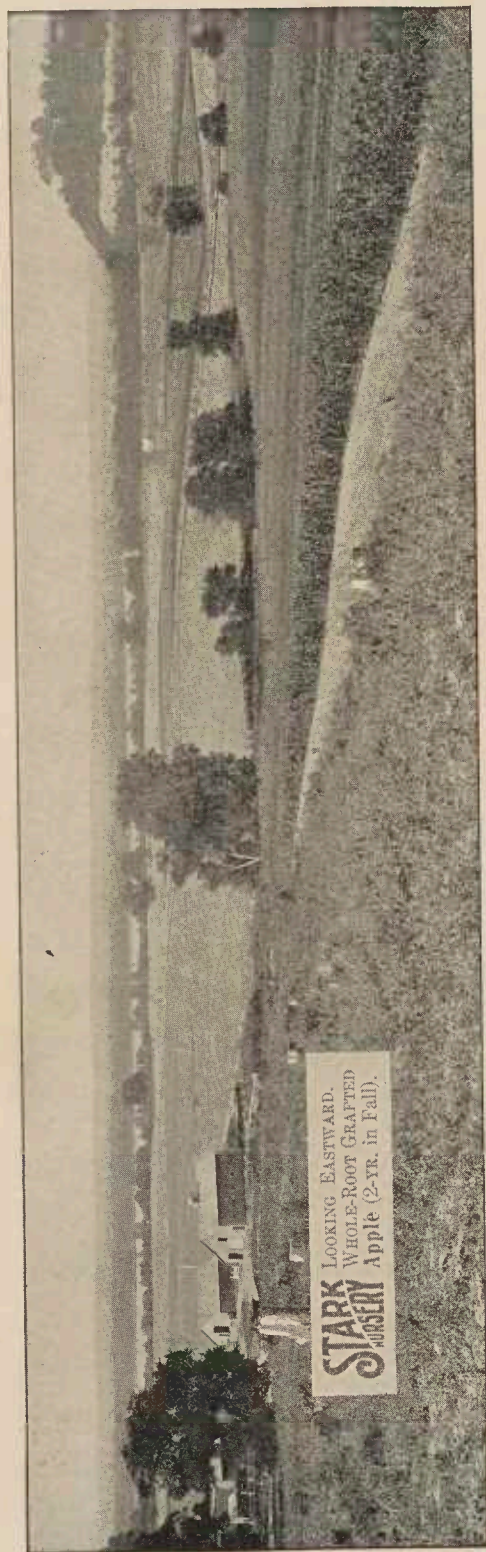
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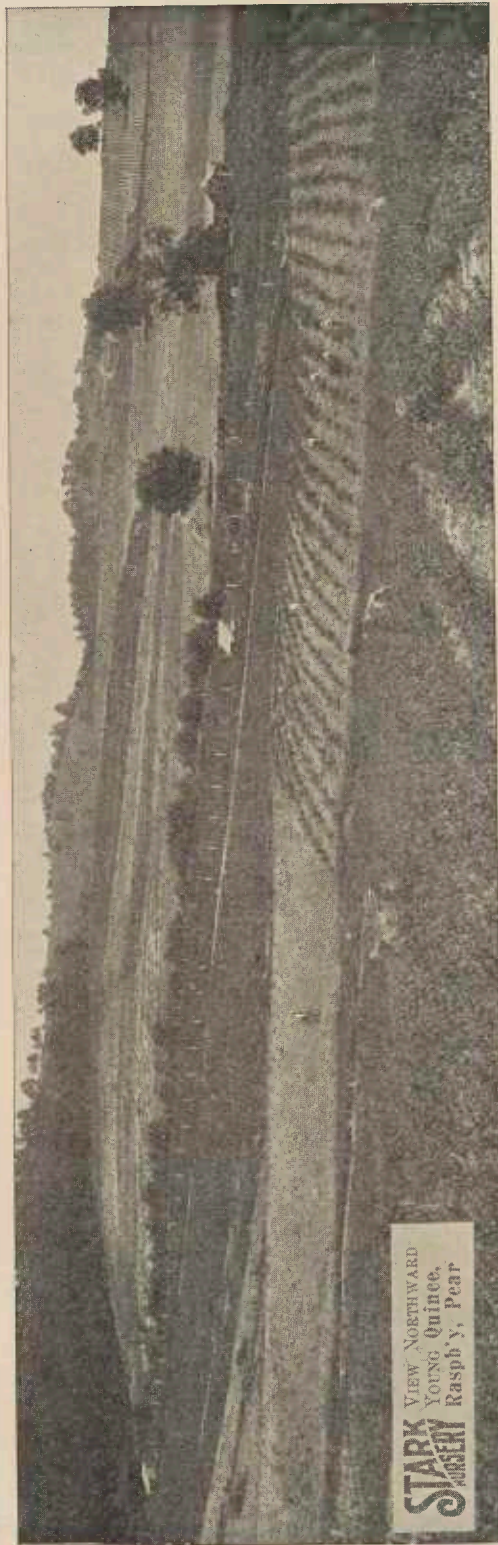
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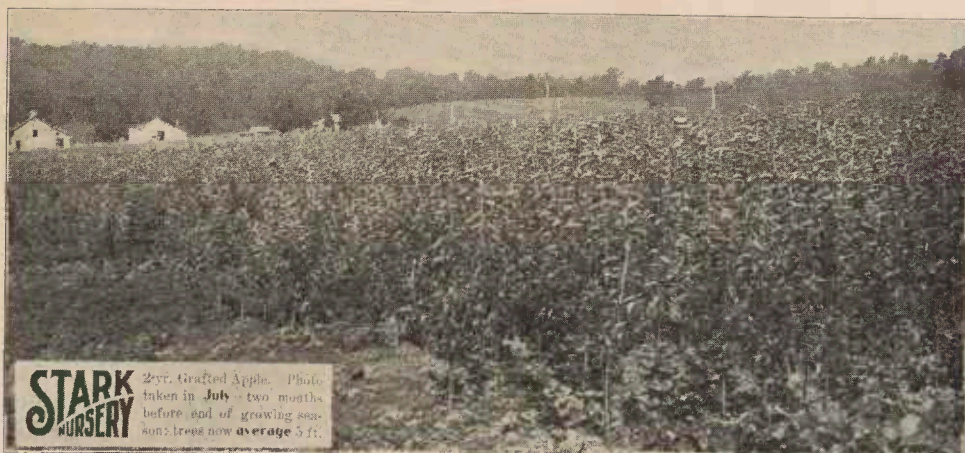
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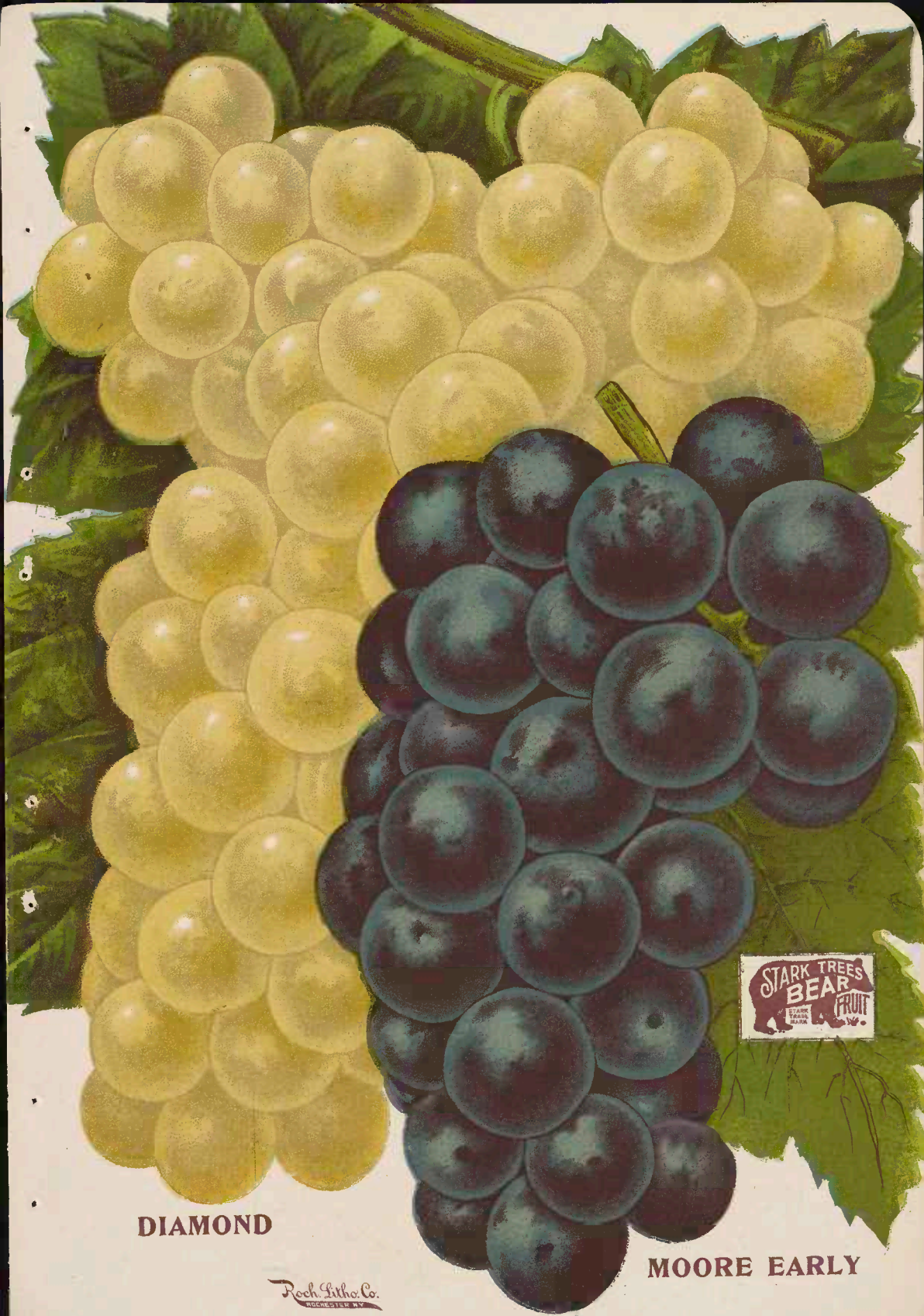
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Packing House Force;
300 men in line.

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2-yr. Grafted Apple. Photo
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before end of growing sea-
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Two-yr. GRAPE, 1-yr. PEACH, 2-yr. APPLE, Rockport, Ill.

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Clearing 2-yr. Apple
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Fast as taken out trees are loaded into covered
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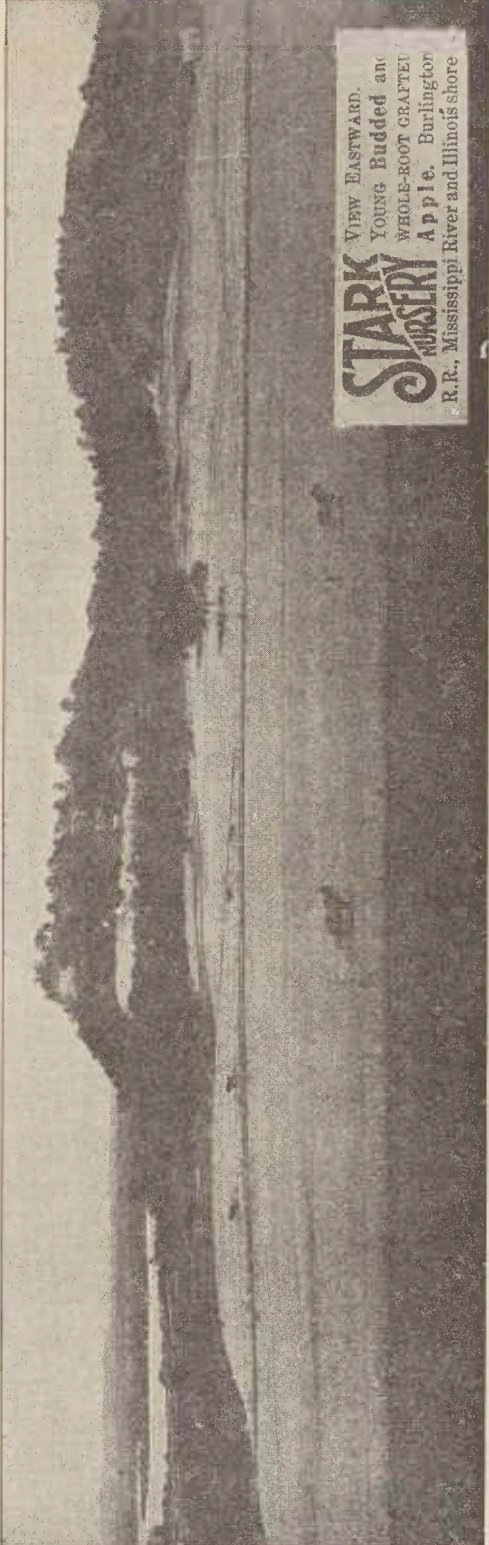


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View of Offices,
Packing Houses,
Grafting House,
Shops, etc., Mo.
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VIEW EASTWARD.
YOUNG Budded and
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Apple. Burlington
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CRIMSON-LEAF PLUM

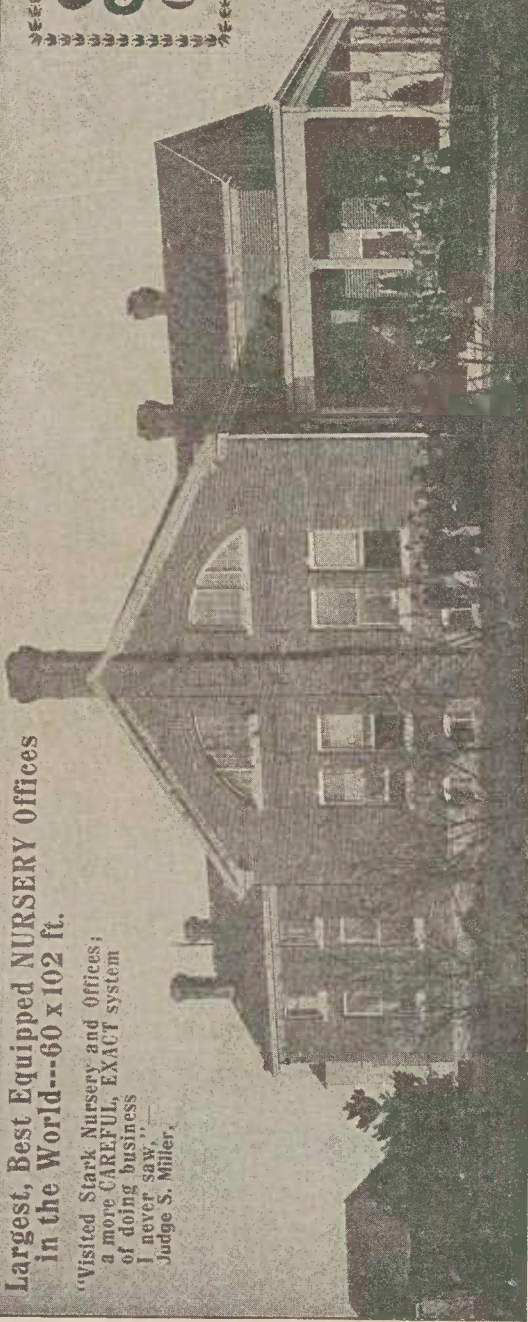
Finest of all red or purple-leaved trees; leaves hold their bright crimson red color all season long. Has lovely white flowers, and bears a very good plum—which is also bright crimson from the time it is formed, until ripe.



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A rare and fine importation from China. Entirely hardy, "takes care of itself," and, when budded on

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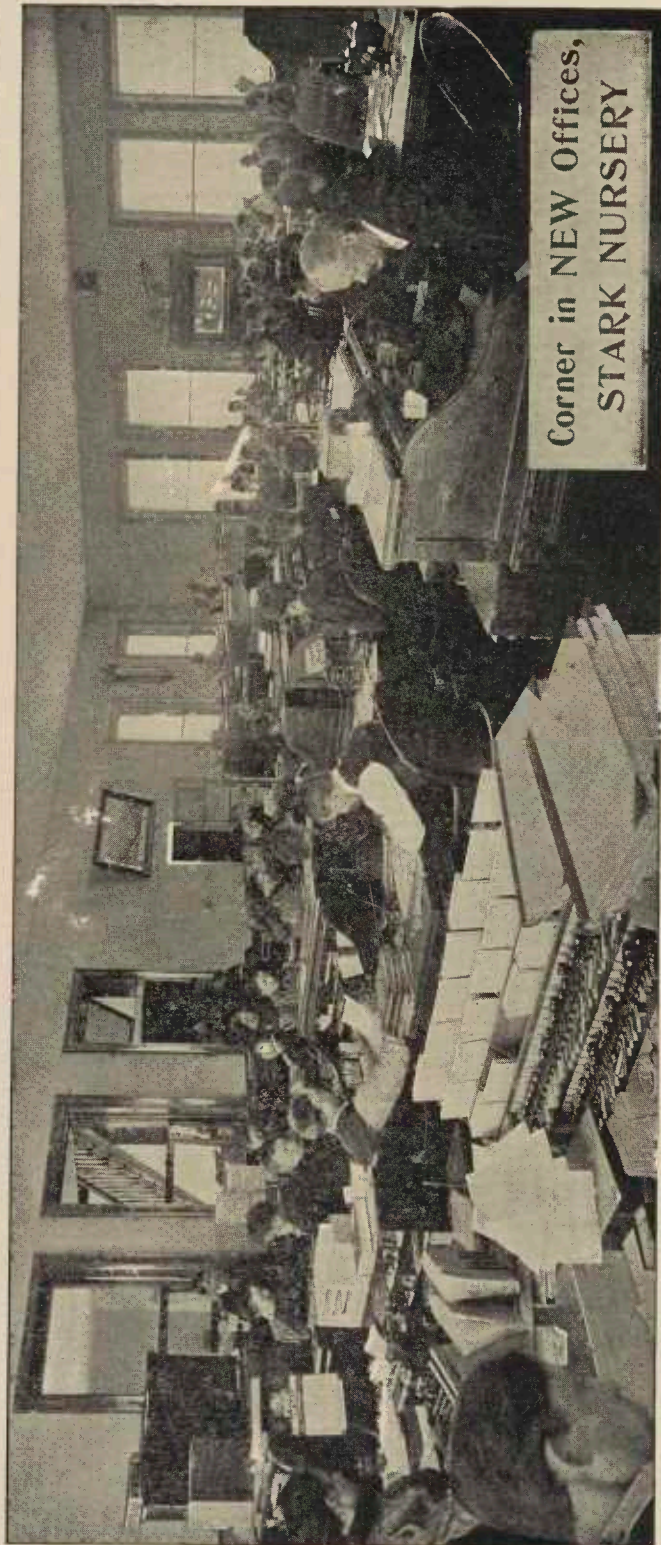
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Young Apple, Pear



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Crops Worth More than Cost of Orchard.—I wish I could thank you gentlemen, personally, for favors shown me. I can say truthfully that I never had dealings with a more liberal, gentlemanly and better set of men. You have helped me on the road to success.—E. V. Dunn, Tarrant Co., Tex., July 15, 1900.

Mr. Dunn planted his orchard on the crop plan. He bought our crops, as we offered him a liberal settlement, and now has a paying property—one of the finest orchards in Texas.

All the 40,000 Trees you shipped us for our southern Mo. orchard are in fine shape—not one died—Parker Bros., Wholesale Fruits, Chicago.

To B. G. Moss, Monroe Co., Mo.: Are well satisfied with the 40,000 Stark Trees. Satisfactory in every way. Parker Bros., Chicago.

Our Apple Expert, Mr. J. J. Seel, states the Parker Bros. orchard is the finest apple orchard in this country; that the trees have made a larger growth and are more thrifty at this time than any he has seen, without exception.—B. Newhall, Wholesale Dealer in Apples, Chicago, Aug. 26, 1899.



You sent me $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Elberta peach and this year the yield was 2 bushels per tree of fine fruit.—E. P. Eastes, Knox Co., Ill.

Good Trees with Good Roots.—

Trees came to hand all O. K. They are the finest lot of trees and have the best roots I ever saw. Thank you for your gifts.—F. P. Kyle, Botetourt Co., Va., Nov. 15, '99.

My Orchard of Stark Trees, set spring '99, is the finest lot of trees I have out of seven different nurseries. I wish to set 250 more trees this fall.—J. C. Bender, Wayne Co., Nebr., Aug. 21, 1900.

One-Yr. Trees are Superseding Two-Yr.—Last year the first time I planted 1-yr. trees; am so well pleased that I want no more 2-yr.—Samuel Adamson, Reno Co., Kans.

A Comparison.—Have not lost a single Stark Tree. Out of 400 apple from a piece-root nursery, planted 5 years ago, I have lost one-third. A neighbor bought a large lot of trees from nursery three years ago and they are nearly all dead. **Stark Trees will not die** if properly cared for.—L. Gardner, Ripley Co., Mo.

Safe Arrival Guaranteed.—Trees received in first-class shape and a finer lot I never saw. I feel indebted to you for this liberal gift; you have more than doubly reimbursed me for damaged trees, which you were not personally responsible for. Am proud to do business with such men as you. Mr. Wilcutt is also very much pleased by the way you have treated him.—A. E. Grubb, Effingham Co., Ills., Nov. 29, '99.

STARK NURSERY is as widely known as any in the country, and their trees are growing from Maine to the Pacific, from Mexico to Canada, in Europe, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, Germany and China. Stark trees are of the highest quality, true to name and well packed.—Coleman's Rural World.

Better Than Ordered.—Replaced stock is still better than original order, trees larger; am very proud of your honorable dealing and have recommended your firm many times when neighbors have condemned agents of some irresponsible nursery. In '97 I ordered of you, through your salesman and found everything exactly as ordered, with the exception of 3 apple and 11 peach more than order called for. Thank you for extra trees in my last order.—Adolph Worth, Payne Co., Okla., May 1, 1900.

Yearling Trees a Surprise—better than expected; all in fine condition and we were well pleased.—Mrs. E. D. Cruise, Colfax Co., N. M., May 1, 1900.

Cheap (?) Trees Prove Expensive.—My late grandfather, I. N. Jump, purchased from a Tennessee nursery, for his farm on the Ozark Mountains, a large number of Elberta (?) peach trees. Having given the trees excellent care and attention, we expected a great crop this year, but not a single tree was Elberta—all an inferior variety, worthless; will have to dig up and throw away the entire lot. Not only was Mr. Jump duped, but his neighbors as well, who bought of the same Co. Had they purchased from a reliable nursery, paying a little more, they would now have a profitable orchard.—Roy Duncan, Franklin Co., Ark., July, 1900.

Five Years Ago I purchased 300 trees, all of which are true to name, fruit exactly as represented. Could ask no better treatment than given me by you.—Jno. Conrad, Jefferson Co., Mo., May 22, 1899.

Too Much to Expect.—I believe you will do away with other nurseries that are selling worthless trees. Am pleased with stock you sent me last fall; have more faith in them than any I ever bought.—J. E. Smith, Montgomery Co., Tenn., Feb. 25, '99.

Have a Nice Crop of Willow Twig on trees purchased of you in 1887.—H. M. Dunlap, Pres. Ill. Hort. Soc., Sept. 8, 1899.

A Strong Endorsement.—Mr. A. W. Jones, a neighbor, asked me to-day if Stark Bro's could furnish 3-yr. old apple. I answered "No, Stark Nurseries do not grow stock older than 2 yrs." I also told him that I know Stark Trees in bearing orchards; that they are worth more than double those from any other nursery.—Jacob Faith, Vernon Co., Mo., June 4, 1900.

STARK TREES are the best I ever bought.—Mrs. S. V. Young, Mechenberg Co., N. C.

Delicious O. K.; Red June plum all right—stood 35° below zero.—Clarence Blyler, Arapahoe Co., Colo.

Haas, Wealthy, Tetofski, all suffered from extreme cold, 20 to 30° below zero for three weeks in Feb., '99. Gold, Red June, Apple of Commerce and Black Ben Davis 100% alive to terminal buds. Trees planted only one year.—H. Brady, Delaware Co., Iowa.

BLACK BEN DAVIS sample apples received. Degan & Co. offered \$5 per bbl. for them. It is destined to become a general leader.—E. T. Stewart, Barton Co., Kansas, March 24, 1900.

They Grow and Bear Fruit.—I bought 100 apple trees of you the spring of '94. We had nine weeks without rain; all lived and are doing well. Some now nine feet high and with branches in proportion. I set out at the same time 580 trees bought from another nursery. gilt-edge trees at a gilt-edge price! I lost over 40% of these. I bought of you 180 Mo. Pippin for re-plants of the "gilt-edge" trees; they are doing well; some bore last year. Want pear and cherry this year.—Wm. H. Edmiston, Lyon Co., Kas., Jan. 1, '99.

I Prefer Mo. Trees, as they are more thrifty, probably grown in richer soil. Have had trees from Conn., N. Y., N. J., Ohio and Mo. A lot of peach trees from New Jersey developed root knot or root galls, destroying a large proportion of them.—E. Ayer, New London Co., Conn., Jan. 31, 1899.

From the Antipodes.—Trees arrived, three months en route; notwithstanding, all were in good condition and most in splendid order. The top trees were slightly mildewed by box being opened at the customs, and several peaches, one apple and two apricots dead, but I have one of every sort alive. The plums have done wonderfully; planted seventeen days and have made nine inches of growth.—L. B. Wyatt, New Zealand, Feb. 18, 1900.

STARK TREES Stand Inspection.—The bill of trees last year gave good satisfaction. Inspector said they were the best lot of trees ever brought into the county.—M. D. Floss, Otero Co., Colo.



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STARK TREES BEAR FRUIT.—I had the pleasure of eating apples from trees I bought of you 5 years ago, also peaches, plums and cherries. All trees I got of you have given best of satisfaction.—J. Loury, Douglas Co., Wash.

Six Years Ago I bought 100 Stark trees, also some from other nurseries. Have not lost a single Stark Tree. They are now six years in the ground, have trunks the size of an ordinary stove pipe and this fall are loaded with fruit as handsome as pictures in your Fruit Book. The trees from other nurseries turned out to be **piece roots**, and many of them died; some not true to name. I regret I ever set them. **The Stark is the only tree for me.** They won't die if you care for them, and you know what you have when you buy them.—Sam'l Binam, Ripley Co., Mo., Nov. 9, 1899

More Than Ungrateful, were I not to acknowledge the receipt of those **SPLENDID TREES**, and to thank you for extras included. My wife remembers well when a little girl visiting friends in Ralls Co., Mo., that her relatives bought great wagon loads of apples from your venerable grandfather, who was famous for his generosity and upright dealings. I mention this only to show that you came by your inherent generosity very naturally and honestly.—Fred Schattner, Franklin Co., Mo., May 3, '99.

Wants Stark Trees.—I have been noticing your ads. When I was in the north I planted some of your nursery stock on my farm there, and while I had been swindled by other nurseries your stock gave me entire satisfaction; the finest shipment I ever saw anywhere. I want to grow a large orchard myself and I want your goods if I can get them.—I. J. Porter, Okla., May 12, 1900.

Cheap? An old customer said Stark trees were too high. He went 25 miles to a home nursery, hauled trees home, put them out in good shape. He bought 250 and over 85% of them died. I sold him 50 Stark Black Ben Davis this spring.—David A. Moore, Fremont Co., Iowa, April 26, 1900.

Am 57 Years Old and in all my life I never saw better stock or arrive in better order; never knew so many trees bought for so little money. To say that I am pleased only faintly indicates my feelings and I shall always hold myself your debtor.—Albert G. Sloo, Knox Co., Ind., April 12, 1900.

STARK TREES **POPULAR.**—Trees reached me in good shape; many thanks for extras. As fast as people learn the value of **good trees**, Stark Trees become popular.—W. H. Parker, Tex., Jan. 26, 1900.

1650 Planted, 3 Dead.—Of 1650 trees planted last fall, I find all living and growing nicely except 3, and these seem alive and may put out yet. Certainly a fine, vigorous lot of trees. Am more than pleased and intend to increase acreage later.—L. M. Garrett, Supt. of Schools, Boone Co., Mo., June 5, 1900.

A Customer's Recommendation.—H. A. Stearns, of the Stearns Fruit Ranch, asked how I liked Gold and Red June plums. I told him he would make no mistake in putting his money into these sorts, for they were all and more than you claimed for them; that they were the best.—W. M. Hastings, Delta Co., Colo., Feb. 17, 1900.

Stark Trees Bear.—I have a block of Stark Trees, fine as you ever saw. It makes little difference where a tree is grown, if the right kind of tree, right kind of fruit. Nine-tenths of the nurseries never have a tree to bear.—Jno. C. Jones, Wirt Co., W. Va., Aug. 15, '99.

All True to Name.—I visited at Doniphan, Mo., last Nov. and to my astonishment I saw trees hanging full of fine apples, and thrifty as I ever saw. They were **Stark Trees** and all **True to Name**; I decided to sell Stark Trees to the people of Tenn. and stop them from being cheated and defrauded out of time and labor. S. S. Mayes, Decatur Co., Tenn., Sept. 18, '99.

Illinois State Horticultural Society:—Packing was just splendid; trees in fine condition. The Ostermeyer was extra fine.—H. A. Aldrich, Vice Pres. Ill. Hort. Soc., March 29, '99.

Trees arrived all fresh and in splendid shape.—Geo. W. Sperry, Genesee Co., N. Y.

Trees sent us late in the spring came in fine condition, the best rooted and the best packed trees I ever saw. I thank you for the favor and want some more of your whole root trees.—G. T. Howerton, Marion Co., Ala., June 17, 1899.

A Fine Orchard.—Am ready to meet payments when due. I have a fine orchard and I am well pleased with it. Trees bearing, but home market takes all at present.—Charles Cheshire, Clay Co., Ark., July 9, 1900.

Lost Only One Tree of 110 purchased of you a year ago. Have had three crops of cherries on tree from you. Abundance and Burbank bore full 2nd and 3rd years; Bartlett and Duchess Dwarf bore fine pears 2nd year. Growth of trees a wonder to all. Have purchased from other nurseries, but do not get growth I do from your trees. We cannot be too particular in regard to propagation of stock. I have fallen in love with your stock on account of its **vigorous growth** and **early bearing** qualities.—Lucius Hood, Vernon Co., Mo.

Perfectly Satisfactory, and received in good condition.—Homer F. Bushman, Navajo Co., Ariz.

Even Californians Use Stark Trees.—My neighbors, for whom I sent orders before, were so well satisfied that I am enabled to send you this order.—Marcus Fidel, Santa Cruz Co., Cal.

STARK TREES **are the best in the world** and not to be classed with product of cheap nurseries.—J. S. Osborne, Atchison Co., Kans., April 4, 1900.

One Man finds that Fruit Growing Pays.—The most severe frosts known for many years followed the severe winter, yet Stark Trees doing well, while neighbors' trees from other nurseries are dying out. Some try to discourage me about the market, but hope soon to set out 40 acres more of Stark Trees. A crop of apples every 3rd year will **beat raising anything else**. Have 30 acre orchard and Stark Trees are in the lead.—W. D. Black, Texas Co., Mo., Sept. 2, 1899.

F. Newhall & Sons, Chicago, the largest apple dealers in the U. S. write us: "We planted trees from 3 different nurseries this spring and yours look better than the others, tho all sent were a choice lot of trees."

Yours the Best Rooted Trees I ever received in period of 42 years of farm and orchard culture. My former purchases of stock in Allegheny Co., Pa., and Rochester, N. Y., were not true to label.—J. F. Marx, Ashtabula Co., O., Dec. 2, '99.

You will get a larger order next year, for my neighbors like the looks of my trees, and also the prices.—V. D. Nichols, Douglas Co., Minn., Apr. 18, 1900.

Extras Paid Expenses.—Trees were in excellent shape, and extras sent more than paid expressage.—Clara Fowler Smith, Riley Co., Kas., Apr. 9, 1900.

Am Delighted.—Every one says they are the finest trees they ever saw. The apples you sent were grand; every one that saw **BLACK BEN DAVIS** says it is superb.—N. H. Endsley, Fremont Co., Colo., Apr. 6, 1900.

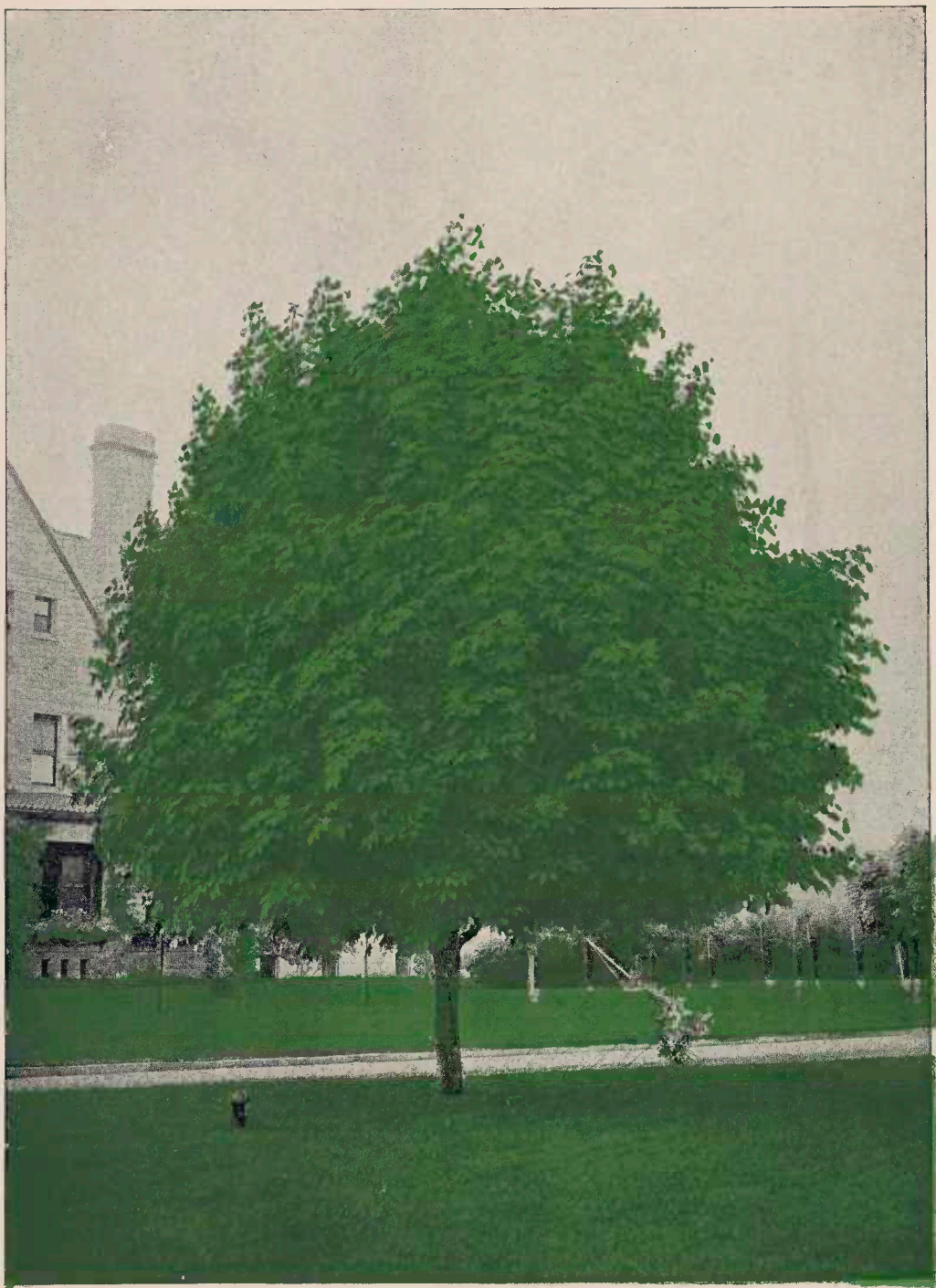
As to Black Ben Davis, etc.—To E. H. Ferguson, Mohaska Co., Iowa: Your favor of yesterday inquiring about Black Ben Davis and Apple of Commerce offered by Stark Nurseries has been received. In reply would say that varieties named are very highly commended by horticulturists who have tried them, and are adding to the well deserved reputation of Stark Nurseries as propagators of the best. The Stark Nurseries, we might say, are among the best in the country. The proprietors are in every way reliable, and you may calculate upon fair treatment at their hands.—Iowa Homestead, Des Moines, Iowa, March 14, 1900.

STARK TREES **100% Better.**—It gives me pleasure to state that your trees did **100% better** than any from other places. Wish all my stock was from you, then I would have much better looking orchard.—John T. Paintin, Johnson Co., Iowa, Jan. 19, 1899.

Fair, Square Treatment Our Policy.—Last lot of trees arrived to-day in first class condition. I was surprised, I assure you, at the large number of extras sent. You have **more than made good** the loss on former order. You have always done the right thing with me and you can count on my steadfast friendship.—Dr. G. L. Tinker, Tuscarawas Co., Ohio.

From Originator of Delicious Apple.—Just answered a letter from A. J. Masters, Iowa, asking many questions about Delicious. I gave him all information and assured him that should he place an order you would be found thoroughly reliable; that colored plate of Delicious **had not been overdrawn**.—Jesse Hyatt, Madison Co., Iowa.

Last year I bought big and overgrown trees with too much top for the roots. Result, but 20 living out of 60, so when my Stark Trees came I was glad to see well-balanced tops and **plenty of roots**. Just as the Stark Trees came the Co. I bought of last year sent in a lot from 5 to 14 ft. high and began to run down Stark Trees, calling them "little switches", etc. I notice the "little switches". Stark Trees, **have all started** to the last bud, while their big stuff is dying.—B. F. Lowery, Thayer Co. Neb., May 22, 1900.



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NORWAY MAPLE—One of the most beautiful and desirable trees. Resembles the Sugar Maple, but a **much more rapid grower**, with even deeper green, larger, denser, and more shining foliage. Of large size, perfect outline, compact in form, and free from insects and diseases. Rapid grower and excellent for a park or street tree; cannot be too generally introduced.

STARK TREES Now Bearing Fruit; find all true to description. Am surprised at young bearing of some of your new kinds; also strong growth of trees. You deserve a vote of thanks by every human being who loves good fruits. I see the hit dogs are howling about the names of some of your fruits. It is the trees that bear fruit, as yours do, fruit that looks, keeps and sells well, that we farmers want; we care nothing about names. Your descriptions are as near exact as possible to make them, and I have about the whole list of apples, pears, peaches, plums, etc., etc., as catalogued and described by you. Want more trees—send price list and more of those honest descriptions.—W. B. Shipp, Union Co., Ga., Aug. 28, 1900.

Never Saw Finer Peach, and the 1-yr. apple had such fine roots—especially 1-yr. buds. 1-yr. grafts better than expected.—J. H. Brown, Fulton Co., Ill.

From a Club Maker:—Neighbors well pleased, and one says he will take from 2000 to 2500 trees in the fall if he can get such trees as these at the same prices.—J. D. Bible, Jefferson Co., Tenn.

Shall Never Plant Any but STARK TREES.—Have planted from several nurseries, but yours are the best of all. They have the finest roots of all trees I have seen. Have 22 acres in fruit and will plant 20 more.—A. A. Cloud, Parker Co., Tex., May 24, 1900.

STARK NURSERY IS RELIABLE.—Trees came in good condition and they do look well; it is hoped they will bear more fruit than the uprooted Rocky Mountain Cherry, obtained from a local nursery.—C. T. Pomeroy, Essex Co., N. J., Oct. 27, 1900.

Prices Compared.—Kieffer pears are fine, as in fact are all your trees. I have an order to come from a local nursery, and am to pay 75¢ per tree for Kieffer, no better than those from you. York Imp. and Smith's cider apple like you shipped me sell here for 25¢ to 30¢ per tree. Several parties here interested in fruit, but have been disappointed through buying from agents, worthless fancy (?) varieties at exorbitant prices—a great drawback to profitable fruit growing. Some, which are being introduced by other firms as new sorts, I find marked second class in your Fruit Book—which gives faults as well as good qualities. You appear to be the leader—others follow, some far behind, holding up varieties long since discarded by you as "found wanting." The people here have seen the folly of planting varieties that succeed in New England, New York, etc., such as Spy, King, Baldwin and the majority of pippins. York does well here; it will be long before it is supplanted.—H. L. Yocum, Chester Co., Pa., April 6, '99.

Acres of Orchard have I bought and planted in my life, and I got the best bargain from you of all.—Jacob Gross, Owen Co., Ky., Sept. 26, 1900.

STARK TREES **Conspicuous in Growth.**—Wish you could see orchard of 1700 trees, near here—all are fine, but your trees are extra fine—can tell them among thousands. I want 1000 Elberta and 200 Emma.—E. B. Windes, Ashley Co., Ark., Sept. 9, 1900.

Senators prettiest trees I ever saw. Am sure I have made no mistake in patronizing your firm.—M. S. McFatridge, Massac Co., Ill., Feb. 17, '99.

Finest Trees That Ever Struck This Place.—Alex De Hart, Clay Co., Ind.

Best Showing Ever Known to Me.—Trees distributed last year stood the test; so far only 11 dead trees are reported from over 200 people, to whom you shipped about 1200 trees.—F. K. Ringsmith, Linn Co., Ia.

Delay in Transit No Injury.—My order of April 21, received after 17 days on road, are growing finely. I only regret that space so small I cannot plant more.—Jos. E. Kelly, Middlesex Co., N. J., July 29, 1900.

Safe Arrival Guaranteed.—Received trees to replace order lost in transit, and must say I was astounded. Only expected 3 or 4 trees, but am more than satisfied with your generosity and will ever have kind words for your company.—H. C. Torrence, Clark Co., Ia., May 8, 1900.

STARK TREES BEAR FRUIT I went up to see Mr. Hastings' Gold plums, and Oh, Gracious! his trees are a sight—all loaded with fruit from base to top. He is happy all over, and likely he alone can supply your demands for fine samples of Gold this year.—Col. R. J. Coffee, Delta Co., Colo.

We Can Recommend You to anyone. Spring of '93 we bought 300 trees from you, nicest ever bought and splendidly packed. Herewith, another order for spring.—Jno. and Thos. Eaging, Calhoun Co., Ill., Feb. 9, '99.

Side by Side.—My ranch is not far from Geo. R. Allaman's, Wallace Co., Kas. His orchard, started spring '95, is fine. I set about the same number of trees he did at the same time. I purchased trees of a certain Kansas nursery and most of them have done no good—while the trees Allaman got from you are as nice as ever grew. If I order, I want, and will have nothing but first-class stock.—E. J. Guilbert, Franklin Co., Mo., Sept. 7, 1900.

Peach Trees from you the finest I ever saw; every one perfect. You certainly have the "know how" down to a fine point for growing and shipping trees. Wm. T. Davis, Buchanan Co., Mo., Nov. 10, 1900.

STARK TREES bought last spring all lived through the dry weather and doing finely. The instructions you send with trees are worth, to the average farmer, as much as trees cost him. Our county has been over-run with unscrupulous tree dealers, who have swindled us. Send us a good salesman and you can handle entire trade.—B. F. Snyder, Clark Co., Mo., Oct. 23, 1900.

Decidedly a "Fake".—Agents of an Ohio nursery have been working this country, selling trees at a high price which they claimed were on "hard wood roots" and will live hundreds of years "like a forest tree". Is this not a "fake"? Have planted Stark Trees for years and am greatly pleased with them. Will plant more.—H. L. Parker, Osborne Co., Kans., Oct. 29, 1900.

Fair Treatment Appreciated.—Order came to hand O. K.; thanks for promptness; also for extra count. You have always used me so nicely, shall be pleased to speak a good word at every opportunity.—D. L. Somerville, Ontario, Canada, Nov. 5, 1900.

Refused \$15,000 for His Apple Crop.—That report is true; my father made the offer and Mr. W. H. Boaz of Covesville refused it and he had only 1200 bearing trees. His orchard is making him rich. I am tired trying to get along raising wheat, corn and oats.—W. E. Bird, Nelson Co., Va., Jan. 30, '99.

SAT Wish you could see the plum trees I got of you; they all bore except Orient. Fruit was fine. I have shown many people the trees and fruit and told them that they were Stark Trees.—C. C. Bunker, Schoharie Co., N. Y., Sept. 10, 1900.

The Test of Time.—Purchased trees from you in '94 which have surpassed anything I ever saw—the pears are especially fine. Send catalogue, that others may order this fall.—E. O. Waldrop, Clayton Co., Ga.

Will Plant Stark Trees Only.—Want 300 pear; kindly name varieties most profitable. Planted Stark Trees last spring; all growing finely, although season wonderfully dry.—A. E. Brandt, Dauphin Co., Pa.

Good Orchards.—I find this territory in A1 shape. Planters have found out how to cultivate and care for trees, mainly through your circulars. They appreciate good stock and show with pride the gift trees you sent them.—Wm. Neidy, Franklin Co., Nebr.

Of the 100 2-yr. Ben Davis I had but one to die; of the 140 1-yr. budded Champion, Senator, Apple of Commerce, only one died.—F. O. Harrington, Iowa Co., Ia.

Trees came O. K.; they are fine—as good as any first-class XX I could get elsewhere; I ordered your 3d grade. Thank you; will remember you in future.—R. P. Elliott, Wilbarger Co., Tex., Apr. 2, 1900.

Never saw as fine trees for the money. Have sold for N. Y. firms at twice the money, but nothing as good as Stark trees.—J. Wilkinson, Vinton Co., O.

Best and Finest Trees I ever saw. I can't tell you how well pleased I am. Many thanks for extras. Hereafter I want your trees. I can't keep from bragging to everybody about them. Hurray! for —C. A. Hendon, Obion Co., Tenn., Nov. 17, 1900.

STARK TREES **Best I Ever Saw;** I want more trees from you. I had 300 from you last spring, now all alive but 10 and in fine shape, tho we had a very dry summer.—Geo. W. Crabtree, Polk Co., Iowa, Jan. 23, '99.

Krummel Peach Trees again loaded with fruit. Have 2-yr. old trees that are too full. The tree that you photographed is very heavily loaded, has more on than last year. Gold plum trees growing fine, have not lost a tree. I hope to do your nurseries all the good I can, and if there is anything in my line that I can do for you, I'll do it.—Nicholas, Waterhous, St. Louis Co., Mo.

Your apple trees cannot be beat.—John Cottle, Washington Co., Ohio, March 25, '99.



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State Hort. Society, Columbia, Mo.



The Above Orchard of STARK TREES was chosen by Prof. J. C. Whitten, Mo. Experiment Station, Columbia, Mo., as an example of **what an orchard should be**. The photo was taken by Prof. Whitten for use in his valuable Bulletin, "The Apple Orchard"—write Prof. W. for a copy.

Prof. Whitten writes us Sept. 22, 1900: Mr. Robnett's apples are **very fine**. His Ben Davis trees are full of fruit of good quality, and his Jonathans are the finest in quality I have ever seen over an entire orchard.

Trees set in fine shape. Stock **very** satisfactory. I ask for **no better**. Am sure I've made some mistakes in the past by **not looking to you** for what I was wanting. My orchard of 100 acres of Stark Trees, set 1889, now in full bloom.

LATER, June, 1900: Will have a fine crop of Ben Davis—some 6000 bbls.; some Jonathan and Willow Twig... Will give you hearty welcome and show you over orchard any day.—D. A. Robnett, Columbia, Mo.

LATER, Oct. 16, 1900: Was out yesterday to see orchard of Mr. Shearer, of this Co.; orchard 8 years set, trees grown by you; sold on installment plan. Have seen many orchards, but **never saw trees with such fine fruit**—all York Imp'l. No use trying to tell you—**just go see!** It will pay you to see what can be raised on **thin Mo. land**. The party whom I took out to see it, bought the fruit at \$2.25 per bbl. **in the orchard**. I bought one bbl. at \$3... Prof. J. C. Whitten has gone out to get photos in above orchard.—D. A. Robnett.

Which is Cheaper?—Have sometimes thought the "old reliable" Stark Bro's a little high on prices, until a little experience this Spring, proves me wrong. I ordered a lot of cherry trees of them, also of another nursery, the two lots reaching me three days apart. I set the trees in two parallel rows, and while **every Stark tree lived**, not a single one of the others did. Now which is cheaper?—J. L. Marshall, Lafayette Co., Mo., in Colman's Rural World.

There are cheaper (?) trees offered sometimes. They're cheaper because they ought to be. Stark Trees are so much better than many others, that you cannot realize their superiority without actual trial, test and comparison.

Proud of His Orchard.—My five year old apple orchard has made good growth in spite of dry weather. Several trees have a few apples and they are fine. I can't describe how proud I am of my orchard—Geo. D. Stallings, Saline Co., Ill.

Koreans Want Stark Trees.—Enclosed find club order. Please pack orders carefully and separately, as trees for Fusan are to go 100 miles inland to Taiku. Use your own discretion when best to send. We hope Stark Trees will astonish the Koreans. Will inform you how things **turn out**.—W. O. Johnson, M. D., Fusan, Korea.

STARK TREES BEYOND THE PACIFIC—How they "turned out": You may not know that you filled an order for me last year in a shipment of trees to Fusan, Korea. Some 3 or 4 doz. trees were included for me which I planted at Pyeng Yang. All were doing nicely in July when I left, and I can scarcely wait until I see the fruit. —Rev. W. L. Swallen, Licking Co., O., Oct. 23, 1900.

Bearing Very Young.—490 trees of you last year were all right; I now have 1100 from your nurseries. Trees planted 3 years were **loaded this year**—pretty good for any country. Want more trees next spring.—F. G. Pickering, Carbon Co., Mont., Aug. 21, 1900.



1000 Garber and Kieffer set 2 yrs., made wonderful growth this season—6 to 8 ft.; only about 20 missing. 1400 Duchess set 3 yrs., the **admiration of all**. Some bore 10 or 12 fruits to the tree, and for **size cannot be beat**. Burbank plum fine—some measuring 7 inches around—plenty 6½ in. Greensboro, Belle of Ga., Mamie Ross, Elberta, Crawford Late and Piquet peaches were **fine**. Have now 3250 Stark trees—will plant 3500 more in spring.—S. B. Odell, Sullivan Co., Ind., Oct. 1, 1900.

Have Bought many Trees of you and am proud of them. Have 23 different kinds of plums from your nurseries. Our Gold trees are fine; in fact, **all your trees are fine**. Apples had quite a lot on, but were blown off by storm. Pears look well. Please send all literature you publish.—G. G. Meek, Leon Co., Iowa, Oct. 6, 1900.

Clean Stock.—Trees arrived in good order and entirely satisfactory; the cleanest, freest from any disease or insects of all that have arrived here. Thank you for your liberality, which was beyond expectation.—Frank Dando, Kittitas Co., Wash., Nov. 10, 1900.

Sixty Years Ago.—Have bought your trees each year since '36. Have fruit of fine quality. Some trees are 4 inches diameter at the ground. Gold plum made fine growth... My grandfather bought trees from Stark Nursery **60 years ago**. I can remember those apples yet.—R. B. Simpson, Callaway Co., Mo.

Trees the finest I ever saw for that grade (X size), grading right along with what I have received of some growers for 1st class.—L. C. Hine, Hendricks Co., Ind., March 22, 1899.

are all O. K. and **better** than any I ever saw come from **any nursery**. Wish you all success possible.—D. A. Parker, Choctaw Nat., I. T.

Trees Came in splendid condition; exceedingly fine with **big healthy roots**.—Ellis Co., Kans., "Free Press".



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BELLE DE NANCY. Double. Very large; color satiny rose, white toward center.

DR. BRETSCHNEIDER. Single. Blooms two weeks later than other sorts. Very large truss. Light purple in bud, white when open; foliage distinct, resembling white fringe. Particularly valuable, as it blooms after others are gone.

FRAU DAMMANN. One of the best. Truss very large, flowers single, medium size, pure white.

LUDWIG SPATH. Flowers large, single, dark purplish red; truss very long. The finest of its color.

MADAME ABEL CHATENAY. Large truss; flowers **double**, white; very fine.

MICHAEL BUCHNER. Truss very large. Flowers medium, very **double**, color pale lilac. Rather a dwarf grower.

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SENATOR VOLLAND. **Double.** Flowers rosy red. Distinct and one of the most beautiful of all.

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Tree Lilac (JAPONICA). Grows to quite a tree. White.

Charles X. Single. Reddish; large, vigorous.

Lemoine Double. Reddish purple.

Tournefort. Double. Delicate lilac; blue center.

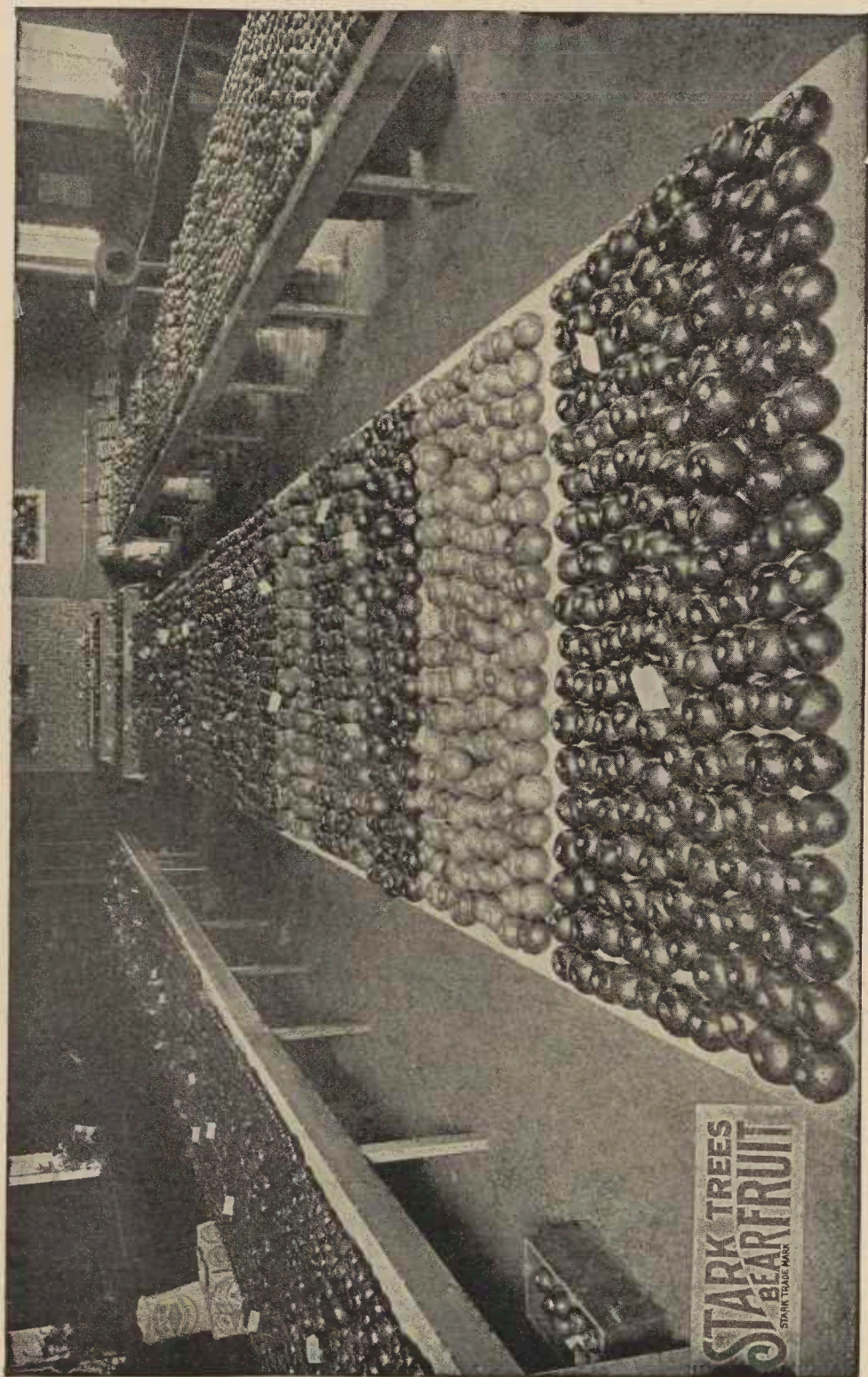
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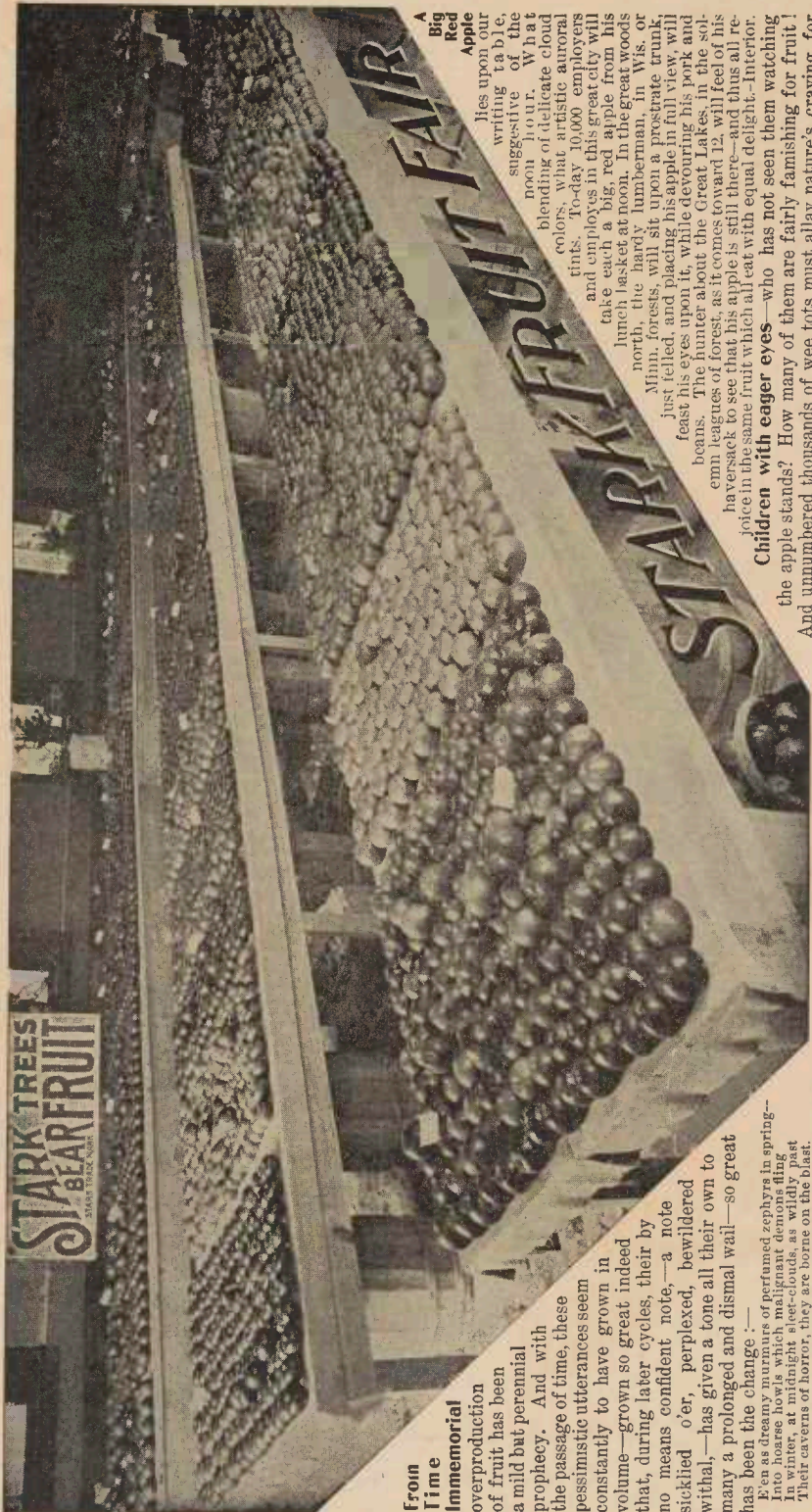


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From Time Immemorial overproduction of fruit has been a mild but perennial prophecy. And with the passage of time, these pessimistic utterances seem constantly to have grown in volume—grown so great indeed that, during later cycles, their by no means confident note,—a note sicklied o'er, perplexed, bewildered withal,—has given a tone all their own to many a prolonged and dismal wail—so great has been the change. —

Even as dreamy murmurs of perfumed zephyrs in spring—into hoarse howls which malignant demons fling in winter, at midnight sheet-clouds, as wildly past their caverns of horror, they are borne on the blast.

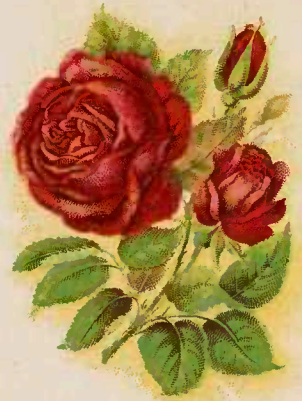
Lamentations about "overproduction," however, come chiefly from men who are shut in by a very circumscribed horizon, men who know nothing of the actual size of the world nor of the multiplied wants of the hosts thereof; and for that matter very few of us really know what it takes to supply even our own 70 millions. They want, aye, **must** have, fruit. Who will supply them, apples say,—wanted in some form, every day of every year, by every man, woman, child, in the civilized world?



A Big Red Apple lies upon our writing table, suggestive of the noon hour. What blending of delicate cloud colors, what artistic auroral tints. To-day 10,000 employers and employees in this great city will take each a big, red apple from his lunch basket at noon. In the great woods north, the hardy lumberman, in Wis. or Minn. forests, will sit upon a prostrate trunk, just felled, and placing his apple in full view, will feast his eyes upon it, while devouring his pork and beans. The hunter about the Great Lakes, in the solemn leagues of forest, as it comes toward 12, will feel of his haversack to see that his apple is still there—and thus all rejoice in the same fruit which all eat with equal delight. Interior.

Children with eager eyes—who has not seen them watching the apple stands? How many of them are fairly famishing for fruit! And unnumbered thousands of wee tots must allay nature's craving for fruit juices with cheap chemical-vinegar-made pickles! Poor fruit-hungry little children! It'll be a long time yet before you cry "overproduction."

Made of Mashed Turnips, apple cores and peelings, and stale figs!—such is the 'Pure raspy,' jam in our markets. —No prophetic ability is needed, but only good common sense, to see the future of American orchards, and to predict that ere long, when our best apples are found in the world's greatest markets, the American apple orchard will be a more important factor than ever. But the export apple of the future will be **BETTER** than Ben Davis!



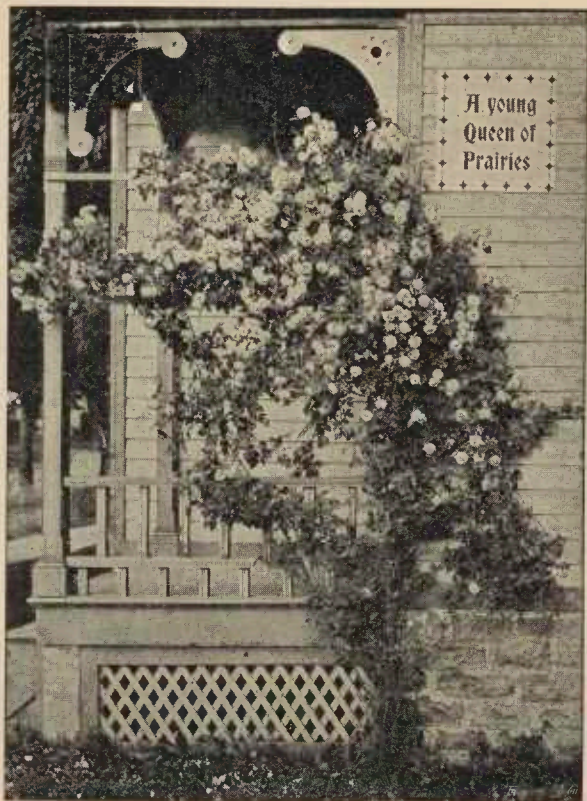
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A very showy shrub. Flowers rose colored, in great spikes.
Hardy, and easily grown ; requires but little room.
Blooms nearly all summer.

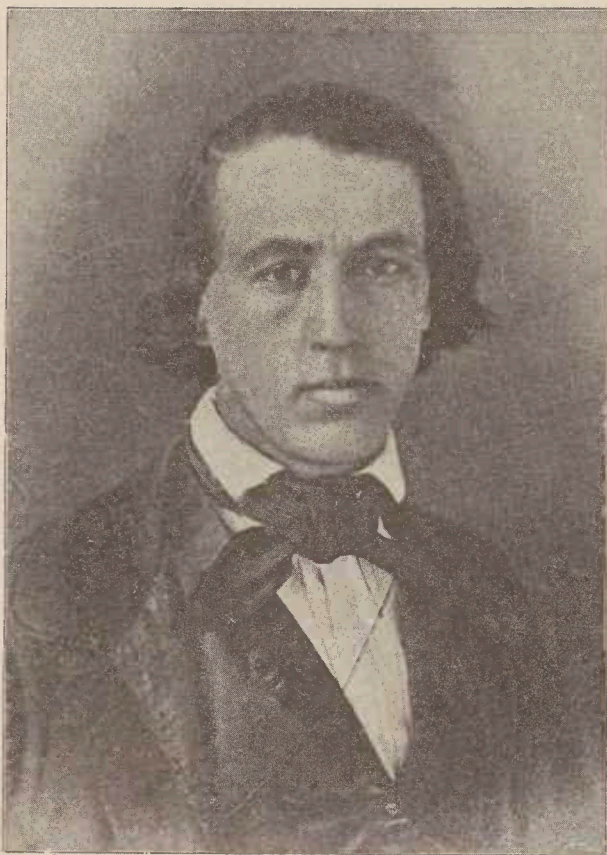


QUEEN OF THE PRAIRIES



RED MOSS

MADAME PLANTIER—
White Hardy or Cemetery Rose



THE LATE WM. STARK AT THE AGE OF 27. — FROM A DAGUERRETYPE
TAKEN IN 1853.

"THE TOUCH OF A VANISHED HAND."

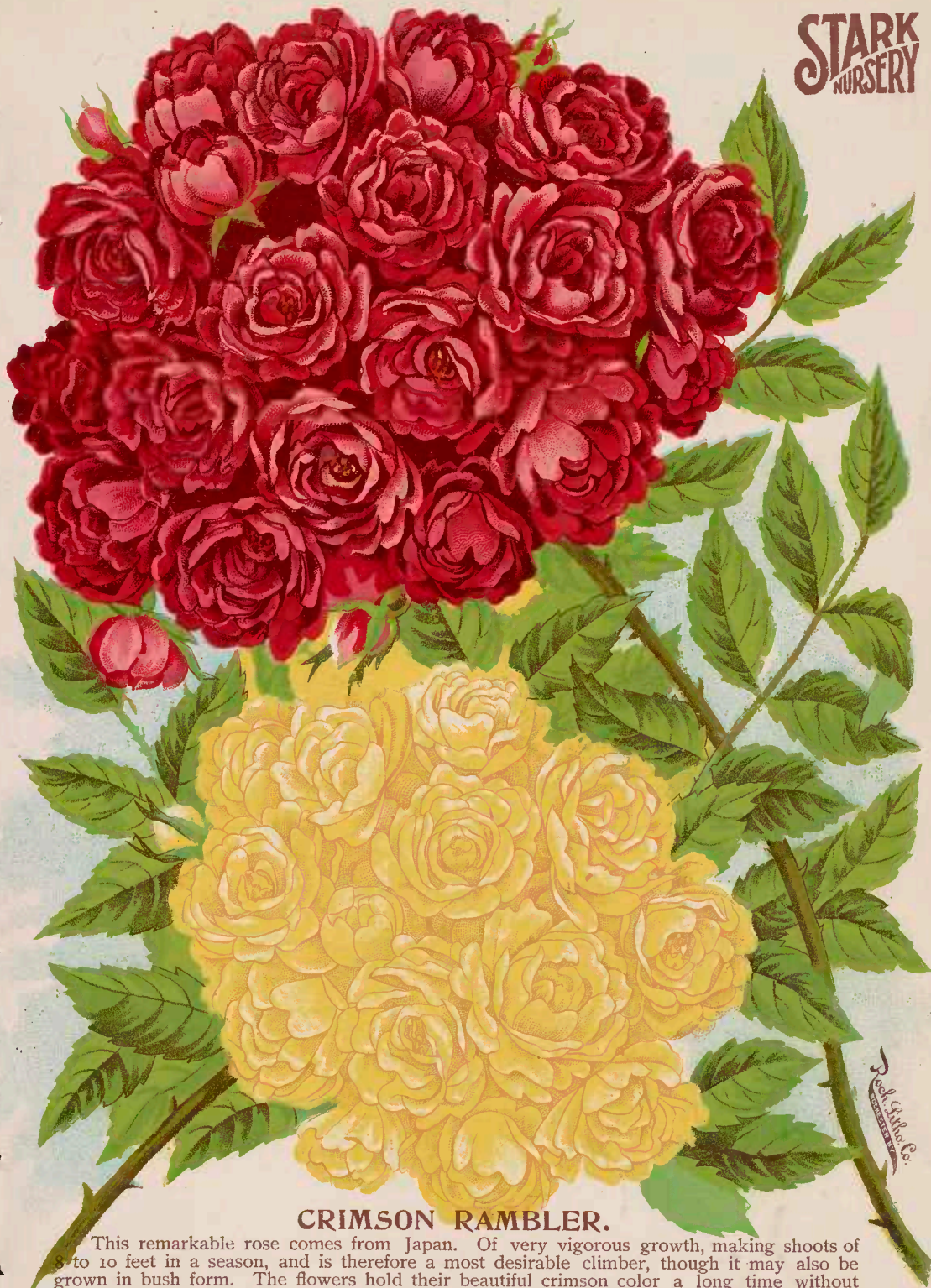
To the good judgment and wisdom of our honored and lamented father, the late Wm. Stark (dec'd 1880), more than to all others, is due the success of these Nurseries. The broad and sure foundation long ago laid, was chiefly of his building, he having succeeded his father while yet a mere boy of 14 years. For more than 40 years he successfully labored to advance Horticulture in this, his native State. His cherished wish was to place his sons in the business he had always loved;—we are glad his wish that we should be nurserymen has been fulfilled, if not exactly in the way he had planned. First came the panic of '73—and misfortune. Then too much he indulged his fond pursuit, and in his almost successful efforts to dispel the clouds that lowered upon our house, sacrificed first health, then life itself.—

"Oh what a noble heart was here undone,
When Science's self destroyed her favorite son."

We cannot hope to render any adequate tribute to his revered memory—we do what we can. Perhaps we cannot say anything so well or that would be half so expressive as the brief tribute paid by the friend who had known him long and well—Pres't J. C. Evans: "William Stark was one of the best men I ever knew."

As to the dark times—not one of us now regrets or undervalues the experiences thru which we have passed; for only too well we know how precious "a jewel the ugly toad, adversity, wears."

The treatises by William Stark, published in Mo. State Hort. Reports, 1867 to 1878, and elsewhere, have not yet lost their force. Nor will they. For the principles advocated are not for a day, nor an age, but for all time.

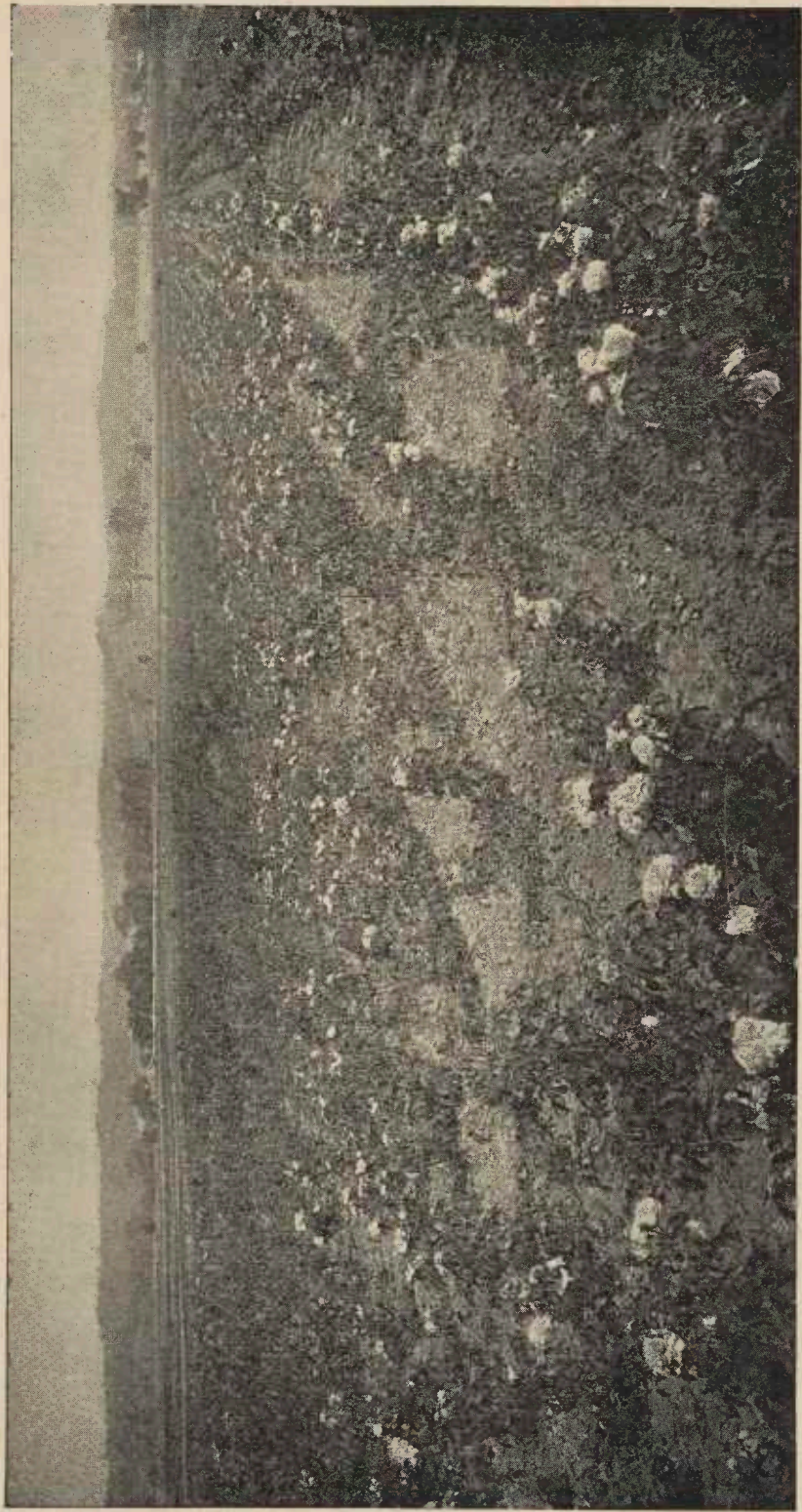


CRIMSON RAMBLER.

This remarkable rose comes from Japan. Of very vigorous growth, making shoots of 8 to 10 feet in a season, and is therefore a most desirable climber, though it may also be grown in bush form. The flowers hold their beautiful crimson color a long time without fading, and give a most magnificent effect in contrast to the bright, glossy foliage. Entirely hardy and the greatest acquisition among roses for years.

YELLOW RAMBLER.

Hardest Yellow Climbing Rose. Fragrant and a very vigorous grower. A worthy companion to the wonderful Crimson Rambler.



STARK Field of Hardy Roses



VISITING DELEGATION of AM. ASS'N of NURSERYMEN
At the STARK NURSERY, June 11, 1897

NOTE.—Unfortunately, Messrs. R. C. and P. J. A. Berkman, of Ga., and Mr. H. Zimmerman, of Ind., were out among the trees and failed to get into the picture.

A BIG DAY—Visitors from the Universe Inspect the Stark Nursery and are Delighted
Condensed from LOUISIANA, MO., PRESS.

Friday was a big day for Louisiana, when our city was invaded by an army of the most prominent nurserymen in the U. S., the visitors coming from N. Y., Ind., Neb., Ga., Pa., N. C., O., Mo., Del., Kan., Mich., N. J., Md., Ia., Ill., Wis., Tex., Ky., Mass., Va., La., and even from France.

It is safe to say no such advertisement was ever given a city in one day.

The American Association of Nurserymen met in St. Louis last week and came to a fitting close on the occasion of the annual Shaw banquet given to the nurserymen and florists by the managers of the renowned Shaw's Garden. This was one of the provisions of the will of the late Henry Shaw by which \$700 is set apart every year for that purpose. The banquet was presided over by Prof. Wm. Trelease, manager of the Garden, and was a grand success, over 200 guests being present. The Stark Nursery was represented by C. M. Stark, E. W. Stark, W. P. Stark, Judge Gene Stark, J. O. Stark, and Messrs. Duncan, Gatewood, Rogerson and Meriwether.

After the ceremonies, two sleepers, chartered by Stark Bro's, were occupied by nurserymen and left at this city. Friday was spent in visiting the nurseries.

An unexpected incident took place, when Pres. Rouse called the meeting to order and in the name of the ass'n presented Stark Bro's with a \$100 office clock, bearing the following inscription:

«Presented to Stark Bro's N. & O. Co., by visiting delegation of American Association of Nurserymen, June 11, 1897.»

The visitors were quartered at the Palmer and Grand Central, and every item of expense—railroad and sleeping car fare to and from St. Louis, hotel bill, carriage hire, even papers, etc.—was paid by Stark Bro's.

The guests all expressed themselves as delighted with their entertainment in our city. They were astonished at the magnitude of the Stark Nursery's business and their improved methods and left with pleasant memories of their brief sojourn.

Condensed from the National Nurseryman.

Sixty members of the Ass'n accepted the invitation of Stark Bro's to visit the latter's nurseries. It had been planned by the Messrs. Stark to convey the visitors by steamer, but the banquet Thursday night interfered. So sleeping cars were arranged to be in waiting at the conclusion of the banquet. . . . The party remained aboard the cars until a seasonable hour when they were taken in carriages about the extensive property of Stark Bro's. . . .

Condensed from the St. Louis Republic.

Stark Bro's did the handsome thing by the Ass'n; after the Shaw banquet, they took about 60 members to Union Station and gave them berths in Pullmans where they could sleep, only to find themselves on a switch at Louisiana next morning. The guests were entertained at hotels, and given carriage rides about the nursery. . . .

Condensed, Horticultural Gleaner, Austin, Tex.

At 2 a. m. the 11th, we took sleepers for Louisiana, as invited guests of Stark Bro's, the leading nurserymen of the west. Those courteous gentlemen escorted us to the hotels for breakfast and then to their offices. The large number of people busily engaged in office work show the immense business of this firm. We were soon on the street, where carriages were in waiting to carry us to the nurseries. The country is beautiful, with its rich valleys and towering hills. We spent the morning looking at the main nursery and packing houses and eating strawberries. . . . Afternoon we again drove five or six miles, seeing more trees and fine country. This firm has, in addition, large nurseries in Illinois. All the expense of this trip was borne by the Stark Bro's. . . . They will never be forgotten by these visiting nurserymen.

STARK BRO'S, Print, Louisiana, Mo.

STARK NURSERIES

FRUIT BOOK



GOLD

TRADE MARK PAT'D. FEB. 26. 1895

\$3,000.00 PLUM.

PIT OF GOLD PLUM. PAINTED FROM NATURE
for STARK BROS.

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The horticultural Triumph of the Ages. The marvelous product of crossing the Japan and Native American plums. Vastly better than the parent races—far superior to any plum of any race hitherto known. The great Burbank says: "Among plums there is NOTHING ON EARTH AS BEAUTIFUL OR GOOD."

**STARK
BROS**
Louisiana, Mo.
Huntsville, Ala.
Dansville, N. Y., etc.

ROOT GRAFTS

Root Grafts are scions and roots grafted ready for planting in nursery rows. Grafting season begins in Dec.: closes Mar. 15. Grafts shipped in winter are packed in **paper lined** boxes to prevent freezing; they weigh about 25 lbs. per 1000, and expense of transportation is small. Keep in a cool, dark cellar. Prepare the ground well, and plant about 15,000 per acre, as soon as frost is out in spring; allow but one bud to project above the surface, and **firmly press** the soil, particularly about lower ends.

Whole root grafts are grafted at the **naturel crown** and properly pruned back ready for planting.

Stark Grafts are put up by experienced men who are paid by the day, and **not** by the 1000, and we have large orchards from which to cut scions; nevertheless we must advise orchard planters and those **inexperienced**, to buy trees, even of small size, instead, as they will get orchards quicker, and more certainly. In the hands of practical tree growers apple, crab, and perhaps quince grafts are well enough. **Stone Fruits**, etc., we grow by budding.

To insure graft orders being filled, order early. To secure good stand, early planting is necessary. Trees plant successfully after it is too late to plant grafts. Grafting season closes about March 15th, which is the opening of the regular spring shipping season.

We PAY FREIGHT — provided $\frac{1}{2}$ cash reaches us before shipment — to any freight station in the U. S., on orders of \$12 and up. Knives and Books go by mail postpaid. **We do not, under any circumstances**, pay freight on stock shipped by express, nor do prices on this list include any premium to clubs.

Grafts are tied in bundles of 100; broken bundles, not less than 50¢ worth of a variety, at **double the 100 rate; 50¢ of one sort at 1000 rate.**

Cheaper Grafts, if wanted, can be made to **SPECIAL ORDER**. We advise **planting the best**, even if cost is a little more.

Special Prices on 50,000 and 100,000 lots of Root Grafts and Stocks.

APPLE

	100	1000
Piece Root Grafts.....	\$1.00	\$ 5
Whole " "	2.00	8-

Baldwin	Mo. Pippin
Ben Davis	Northern Spy
Benoni (Benoni Red June)	Rome Beauty
Gano (Red Ben Davis)	Wealthy
Geneton (Rawles Janet)	Winesap
Maiden Blush	York Imperial.

CRAV

Hyslop	Siberians	Whitney
Martha	Transcendent	and others.

Piece Root Grafts	\$1.00	\$ 6
Whole " "	2.00	10

CHARLAMOF	JEFFERIS
DUCHESS (Oldenburg)	JONATHAN
EARLY RIPE	STAYMAN WINESAP
FANNY	WILLIAMS FAVORITE
GRIMES GOLDEN	WOLF RIVER
INGRAM	YELLOW TRANSPARENT

Piece Root Grafts.....	\$3.00	\$ 10
Whole " "	3.50	15

AP. of COMMERCE (T. Mark)	DELICIOUS (T. Mark)
BLACK BEN DAVIS (T. Mark)	EARLY MELON
CHAMPION (T. Mark)	SENATOR (Trade Mark)

FLORENCE CRAV

CHICAGO (T. Mark)	Piece Root Grafts.....	\$3.50	\$ 20
	Whole " "	5.00	25

PEAR

KIEFFER	Piece Root Grafts.....	\$2.00	\$ 10
	Whole " "	3.00	15

(OVER)

SCIONS (from Dec. to Apr.); **BUDS** (from June to Oct.):—Large lots priced on receipt of list of sorts wanted. In small lots, the usual price for 2 to 6 scions (as to scarcity), is the same as for a XX 2-yr. tree of the variety.


SEEDLINGS and STOCKS

		100	1000
Apple Sdigs.....	Extra.....	\$1.50	\$ 5
	No. 1.....	1.00	4
	No. 2.....	.80	3
	No. 3.....	.60	2
	No. 4.....	1½
Pear Sdigs., Imported,	No. 1	2.00	12
“ “ “	No. 2	1.50	8
“ “ Kieffer, extra heavy.....		2.00	12
“ “ “	No. 2	1.50	8
Cherry Sdigs., Imported	Mahaleb No. 1...	2.00	12
“ “ “	“ No. 2...	1.50	9
“ “ Mazzard		1.50	10
Quince Stocks, Imported,	Angers	2.00	12
Plum, Mariana cuttings, calloused50	2
“ “ stocks		1.50	10

NATURAL PEACH SEED,....per bu. \$2; 10 bu. at \$1.50

STRAWBERRY PLANTS

Strong, well rooted, from **Spring set** rows, dug **clean**: we straighten, tie in 25's and so pack in light boxes or baskets, lined with waxed paper, that leaves are left **open to light and air**.

 By express we guarantee Safe Arrival, but do NOT pay ANY express charges. By freight Safe Arrival **is not guaranteed**. Fifty plants of one sort at 100 rate, 500 of one sort at 1000 rate. One-half additional during Sept., double price in July and Aug.

	100	1000
Bubach (imperfect blossom), very large on strong soil..	\$1	\$ 4
Michel E'y (the very earliest); Philips, Robinson	1	4
Splendid, high quality; one of the very best	1	4
WM. BELLI, "about the best variety grown"	1½	5
NICK OLMER, "my first choice; a giant"—M. Crawford	2	6

KNIVES.—Postpaid

The **Stark Bro's** Pruning, Grafting and Budding knives are made to our special order, from our own improved patterns, **hand forged** and every knife **guaranteed perfect**, by the best Cutlery Co. in America. We especially stipulated in contract for the **highest quality** that could be made. They have proven the best knives ever used in our nurseries.

The **Pruner & Grafter** is the best knife for pruning and grafting—in short, an **all purpose** knife.

	Each	Doz.
The Stark Bro's Pruner and Grafter....	\$.45	\$4.50
“ “ . Budder35	3.50

BOOKS.—Postpaid

Stark Fruit Book, free to customers; to others, 8¢
How to Plant a Place. Pamphlet, 20¢.

Fertility of the Land. Prof. I. P. Roberts, \$1.25.

Spraying of Plants. Prof. E. G. Lodeman, \$1.

Bush-Fruits. Prof. F. W. Card, \$1.50.

Horticulturist's Rule Book. Prof. L. H. Bailey, 75¢

Nursery Book. Prof. L. H. Bailey, \$1.

Pruning-Book. Prof. L. H. Bailey. \$1.50.

Principles of Fruit-Growing. Prof. L. H. Bailey, \$1.25

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